

# Northeast Lion District 14H Monthly Newsletter

October, 2025





## MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING WEEK

**OCTOBER 4-12, 2025**

An initiative by  
International President  
A.P. Singh



## LIONS & LEOS WEEKS OF SERVICE 2025-2026



The Weeks of Service centers around significant international days, highlighting the impact of Lions through the world. Lions are encouraged to do service that greatly impacts their communities while also finding sustainable ways to increase service impact, visibility of the Lions brand through consistent periods of service.

### THE 3 FOCUS AREAS FOR THIS FY INCLUDE:



#### MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING

LIONS SERVICE WEEK WILL BE ON  
**OCTOBER 4-12, 2025**



#### HUNGER

LIONS SERVICE WEEK WILL BE FROM  
**JANUARY 3-11, 2026**



#### ENVIRONMENT

LIONS SERVICE WEEK WILL BE FROM  
**APRIL 18-26, 2026**

*Send club inputs to [bbernoske@gmail.com](mailto: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,**

I want to thank the Tunkhannock Lions Club for hosting the District Meeting, at the Lazy Brook Park. PDG Butch Sands out did himself as Chef. The food was great. The company even better.

I along with Lion Bev Bernoske, attended the Eynon-Archbald Club meeting where I had the honor of inducting 4 new members into their club. Way to go. I also attended the Blakely-Peckville Club and the Abington Club, where we had conversations on the Lions Portal, changes with LCI and the district.

If your club has not set up a date for the governor's visit, let me know. I would like to visit every club and share ideas.

The LCI dues statements are out. Some clubs have paid but almost half have not paid. These payments are due AT, LCI by November 1st. If you have not received your statement and unable to get on to the portal, please let me know. We don't want anyone falling behind.

LCI has also noted we have several clubs with less than 20 members. We are making progress with new members but there is a lot of work to do.

The next District Meeting is November 9th, noon, at Jefferson Lions Club. We will be doing a district service project. There are about 45 disaster relief boxes to fill. These boxes will remain in the area to help with disasters. PDG Bill Metschulat, will let me know what we still need and I will pass the information along. For the March meeting we will be doing non-perishable food for food banks. The convention project will be pajamas for the area child and youth services. More information to follow.

We are still looking for Lions to move up in leadership with the district. If you are interested, and would like more information on qualification, let me know.

Together We Can.

**DGE Shirley Skinner**

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**Lead to Serve,  
Serve to Lead with  
International President  
A.P. Singh**

**Dear Lion,**

“We serve” is more than just a motto. It’s a way of life for Lions. In addition to all of the great local causes we support, we are known for our commitment to global causes such as hunger, vision, the environment, and newer initiatives like mental health and well-being.

Now is the time to plan our service for the year, and there is no better place to start than with a Lions global cause. And be sure to invite friends, associates and family to serve with you so they can see how powerful, fulfilling and fun service truly is.

Once they start appreciating the satisfaction of serving others, you can ask them to join the pride of Lions. When we have more Lions serving, we can change more lives than ever before; that is the essence of MISSION 1.5.

I look forward to seeing your global projects and the impact they have on the people we serve!

Together in service,

**A.P. Singh**  
**International President**

Click [HERE](#) for the Weeks of Service web page—which provides resources to help you plan service projects.





## Dear Lions and Leos,

As humanitarians, we respond whenever and wherever the need arises. Grants from our global foundation enhance our service. I'm proud to report that during the August 2025 LCIF Board of Trustees Meeting, 114 grants were approved, totaling more than US\$9.3 million.

This month we recognize Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and the ways Lions, Leos and others, empowered by LCIF funding, raise awareness, promote early detection and support care. Next month, we will mark World Mental Health Day on October 10. Lions and Leos are working to raise awareness of mental health and well-being in their communities. LCIF is proud to support their efforts through District and Club Community Impact Grants, Matching Grants, Leo Service Grants and Lions Quest. Your [donations](#) make this important work possible.

At your service,

**Fabrício Oliveira, LCIF Chairperson**

[CLICK HERE](#) to see Fabricio Oliveira's full letter



All Over the  
World Lions  
are Helping,  
Leading,  
Planning  
&  
Supporting  
Others.



**Join Now**





**October 18th, 2025**

## Register Here:

Please register for the event at  
<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/q4d8nt2>



## Please Join Us

Join the Lions at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (room S300) on **Saturday, October 18, 2025** for food and conversation.

Continental breakfast will be served followed by presentations, coffee, and a lunch.

## 2025 Annual Research Seminar

Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation & Eye Research Foundation



**SATURDAY**  
 October 18, 2025  
 8:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.



DREXEL UNIVERSITY  
**Pennsylvania College of Optometry**

**Pennsylvania College of Optometry**

Drexel University, Elkins Park Campus

8360 Old York Road

Elkins Park, PA 19027

## Questions?

Please contact us via email at  
[salus\\_ceregistration@drexel.edu](mailto:salus_ceregistration@drexel.edu)

## Schedule

Room S300

**8:00 - 9:00 A.M.**  
 Continental Breakfast

**9:00 - 9:20 A.M.**  
 Opening Remarks

**9:20 - 10:20 A.M.**  
 Presentations

**10:20 - 10:40 A.M.**  
 Coffee Break

**10:40 - 11:40 A.M.**  
 Presentations

**11:40 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**  
 Closing Remarks

**12:00 - 1:30 P.M.**  
 Lunch & Conversation



## Directions

### From Allentown

- Take I-476 S to I-76 PA Turnpike
- From the PA Turnpike take exit 339 to PA-309 S towards Greenwood Ave in Cheltenham Township
- Continue on Greenwood Ave and make a right on Township Line Road.
- Take Township Line Road to Drexel University Elkins Park Campus on the corner of Rt 611 and Township Line Road

### From Philadelphia

- Get on I-76 W from S Penn Square and John F Kennedy Blvd
- Continue on I-76 W and take US-1 N, N Broad St, and Old York Rd to and make a left on Breyer Dr
- Continue on Breyer Dr to Drexel University Elkins Park Campus

### PLEASE NOTE

*This is an in-person event on the Drexel University, Elkins Park campus. Make sure to enter through the Main Campus West building (labeled A4) and check in with security. You will be asked to present a government-issued ID card. Take the elevator from the lobby to the third floor before making your way to room S300.*

### About the Foundation

The PA Lions Sight Conservation & Eye Research Foundation makes donations to researchers who are implementing cutting edge investigations into eliminating blindness in the world.



Click [HERE](#)

To register

## White Cane Day is October 15th



### Information about White Cane Day, from District 14H

#### White Cane Chairperson, Lion Josie Sands:

White Cane Day was established in 1964 by President Lyndon Johnson in an effort to Raise Awareness of people who carry a White Cane. White Cane Day is officially October 15, with October being White Cane Month. Each club is encouraged to hold their own fundraiser whenever it is convenient for their club.

**What is White Cane Day?** The purpose of a White Cane Day is to solicit and obtain funds from the public by voluntary contributions to be used expressly for the treatment and prevention of blindness. Such funds, therefore, are to be collected and in turn, only to be used for projects and activities that are closely associated with the blind or visually impaired. The local club picks up the small tab for materials. Then the club can truly say **"We Serve"**.

Please hold your White Cane Fund Drive in your local areas, then send the totals of your hours and dollars raised to your White Cane Chairperson:

**Total Number of Volunteer Hours:** \_\_\_\_\_

To: Lion Josie Sands

**Total Dollar Amount Raised:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

833 N. Eaton Road

Tunkhannock, PA 18657

bjs2lions@epix.net

(570) 836-1205

Suggestions for White Can Day activities for your club can be found on the Lions Portal by clicking [HERE](#)



***In a future newsletter, Josie will be recognizing all clubs that participate in White Cane Fund drives, along with a total for the District of volunteer hours and funds raised. All efforts will help our communities with eye care for those who need help.***



PA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP PRESENTS



# BEACON Fall Fest

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH, 2025**

**TIME: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**LOCATION: 114 STATE ROUTE 103 S,  
MOUNT UNION, PA 17066**

**Join us for a day of fall fun at the  
beautiful Beacon Lodge Camp!**

Whether you're a long-time supporter or a  
first-time visitor, there's something for  
everyone at our Beacon Fall Fest!



## Festival Activities

- Outdoor Bowling
- Mini Golf
- Friendly Pony Rides
- Golf Cart Tours of the campgrounds
- Fall-themed games and more!



## Festival Features

- Live Music with a DJ
- Delicious Festival Foods
- A variety of Crafts & Vendors
- Exciting Raffles & Prizes

**Questions? Contact Daniel at:**

**814-542-2511**

**office@beaconlodge.org**

**www.BeaconLodge.org**



Bring the whole family out  
and enjoy a fall day in the  
great outdoors — all while  
supporting the mission of  
Beacon Lodge Camp!



***See next page for the Vendor Application—vendor  
spots available inside and outside***





## Vendor Application

**Event:** **Beacon Fall Fest**    **Location:** **PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp**

**Date of event:** **November 15, 2025**    **Hours:** **10 am to 3 pm**

**Vendor's name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Business name** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

(Please print)

**Telephone:** cell \_\_\_\_\_ residence \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print)

**Table/space cost:** **\$ 20.00**    **Pre-payment requested.**    **No shows Nov. 15- No refund**

(Check one) **INSIDE** \_\_\_\_\_ **space, 8 foot table provided** - **OUTSIDE** \_\_\_\_\_ **No table**

**Check in/Set up time:** **8:00 am Nov 15**

Please list venue and items to be sold from table/space (crafts/jewelry, paintings etc.)

*(No venue changes permitted day of event).*

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Vendor signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions:** contact Kelly McMullen 814-542-2511 option #2 or Jan Adams 717-732-2291

**Please return application and payment on or before November 12, 2025 to:**

Danny Coons

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp, Rt 114 State Rt. 103 S

Mount Union, PA 17066

## *A Reminder to all Clubs and Club Treasurers*

### **General Policy on Funds Raised from Lions Clubs Activities:**

**Funds raised from the public must be used for the benefit of the public and community in which the Lions Clubs serve.** The International Constitution and Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation (the “governing documents”) provide that chartered Lions clubs shall be not-for-profit of the individual club or its individual members. Consequently, **no part of the net earning of funds raised from the public shall benefit any individual Lions member, or other private individual or entity.**

These policies are intended to provide guidance for clubs to meet the purposes of the International Association of Lions Clubs. Key in determining the proper use of funds is considering transparency to the public and developing trust from the community in which the Lions operate. How Lions use funds must meet the legal and tax requirements for the local jurisdiction in which they operate.

**To make it easier to manage club funds, and to be in agreement with the International Association of Lions Clubs, most clubs have established a Project bank account (for funds raised by the public) and an Administrative bank account (for members due and other funds directly coming from club members).**

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**Lions members of District 14H & 14W participated in the 14th annual Buzzie Memorial Tournament held at Skytop Golf Course.**

**Proceeds benefited Leader Dog for the Blind**





## Dunmore Lions Club

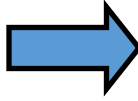
Members of the Dunmore Lions Club held **White Cane Day** Collections during the week-end of September 27-28th at SS. Anthony and Rocco and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parishes and The Dunmore Presbyterian Church.



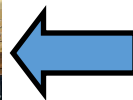


## Eynon Archbald Lions Club

Eynon Archbald Lions Club promoting what we do and giving out treats at Archbald Police National Night out:



L-R: Sally Spudis, Jack Kubash, Peggy DeVivo Kubash, Fran Stepkovitch, Maureen Kresge, Cathy Gillette



PDG Fran picked up an eyeglass donation from the Blue Ridge Leo Club and Montrose Lions

Lion Matt Nebzydoski is pictured with PDG Fran



## *Eynon Archbald Lions Club*

**Eynon Archbald Lions Club Lion of the year 2024-2025 presented to  
Lion Erin Owen by DG Shirley Skinner and President Fran Stepkovitch**



## *Welcome to 6 new Eynon Archbald Lions Club members!*



L-R: DG Shirley Skinner, new member **Walt Snyder**, new member **Arrgenia Seymore**, President & sponsor Fran Stepkovitch, new member **Lillian McCormick**, new member/Treasurer **Maureen Kresge**, sponsor Lion Cathy Gillette (2 new members absent from photo **Jamie Kresge** & **Cynthia Snyder**)



## *Falls Lions Club*

Another great Falls Lions Meeting at Endless Mountains Vineyards:







## Donate Your Gently Worn, Used and New Shoes To

HAWLEY  
LAKE WALLENPAUPACK  
LIONS CLUB

Collected shoes are used to support micro-enterprise vendors.  
Micro-enterprises are small businesses in developing nations.  
They are typically operated by one person or family and  
friends, depending on size.

PROCEEDS WILL BE USED FOR PANTRY FUNDING

## WHERE & WHEN

NEW DATE!!

JULY 1st  
UNTIL  
DECEMBER  
31st

DROP OFF AT

281 TEXAS

PALMYRA HWY

HAWLEY

PICK UP CAN BE  
ARRANGED FOR  
LARGE  
QUANTITIES

Contact

JUDY POTRATZ  
570-493-2100  
judypotratz@gmail.com

020821 - 123



## Honesdale Lions Club

Photos from the Steak Bake, held on August 1st



Above: New Club Officers (L-R): Tiffany Rogers: President , Claire Kerl: Vice President, Derek Bellinger: Secretary, Jason Nacinovich: Treasurer



Above: right side of table, front, Wayne County Commissioner Jim Shook. Next to him in the White Shirt with Cowboy Hat, Commissioner (and Lion Brian Smith)



Photo above, Right side Wayne County DA and Lion AG Howell, next to him with glasses is Wayne County Commissioner Jocelyn Cramer.





## *Jefferson Township Lions Club*

Two fun, fundraising bingo events: 10/18 and 11/15. This event can be seen in Facebook: click [HERE](#)



## *Scott Township Lions Club*

### **Chicken Barbeque Dinners**

**Saturday, October 25, 2025**

**12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m.**

*Located Behind Boyarsky's Tavern:*

*Route 347 & 86 Hill Lane in Scott Township*

***Tickets are \$15.00—see any member for tickets***





## Jefferson Lions Club

***Thank you all who have saved and donated your pop tops . Today we turned in the tops that were saved to the Ronald McDonald House of Scranton .***



Our Jefferson Twp Lions Club was honored to present a check for \$23,495 to our local Jefferson Elementary school tonight, facilitating the completion of their musical playground's surfacing. This achievement was made possible by our fundraising efforts, bolstered by community support and a grant from the Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Founda-



**PA LIONS DISTRICT 14-H**  
**1ST DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 13, 2025**

Lazy Brook Park, Tunkhannock, Pa.

**Call to order**

DG Shirley Skinner called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone

To our 1st District Meeting 2025-2026 Lions year at 12:30 pm. “Thank you for attending today. Thanks to Tunkhannock and Chef Butch for hosting.

Thank you to everyone for bringing food to share.”

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by IPDG Sandy Thubborn and Lions.

God Bless America (first verse) was led by IPDG Sandy Thubborn and Lions

Invocation was led by District Chaplain, PDG Joe Skinner

**Luncheon recess.**

**Attendees:** DG Shirley Skinner, District Treasurer Lion Bev Bernoske, IPDG Sandy Thubborn. PDG Joe Skinner, PDG Butch Sands, PDG Cathy Metschulat, PDG Bill Metschulat. Lion Josie Sands, Lion John Thubborn, Lion Gordie Potratz, Lion Judy Potratz, Lion Barb Taylor, Lions Al and Liz Naylor, Lions Joe and Tammy Balewski and Lion Tim Poole.

**Clubs:** Abington, Hawley-Lake Wallenpaupak, Jefferson Twp., Scott Twp., Taylor, and Tunkhannock.

**District Secretary Report** was handed out. Motion to accept by Lion Judy, Second by Lion Barb. All in favor and accepted.

**District Treasurer’s Report.** District Treasurer Lion Bev Bernoske provided the report. Lion Bev spoke about the Fair Share 100% Club. A conversation about “what makes a 100% club?”. Is it a club that contributes to every category, even though it’s not \$2 per member? Or is it the club that gives to every category and pays the \$2 per member? *[Note: Bev followed up with Mark Kuzma on this. The 100% is achieved when a club contributes \$2 per member, for every fair share category]*. The motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s report and seconded. All in favor, so carried.

**District Governor’s Comments:** DG Shirley – Membership 1.5 is underway, and International President Singh is asking all Lions to be a part of making our organization stronger. Should each member bring in one new member, our district would be able to grow stronger and serve more people. DG Shirley will be scheduling another Lions Portal training class. There are clubs that are still being charged for members who have passed or are no longer Lions. The class will probably be at the Jefferson Twp Lions Banquet Hall, since there are TV screens on the wall so you can see the training website better. No date has been set yet.

**District Governor's Comments, continued:** We need to have 80% of our clubs reporting activities online. This helps LCI and LCIF with building partnerships with corporations, foundations, and governments. If they do not see that we are doing service projects and serving those in need, then they can question what the partnership is for. So, Please record your service projects and club meetings to enable Lions to serve more people in our communities, states and countries.

PDG Butch Sands spoke about lowering the age limit to 16 or 17 years old. PDG Joe Skinner mentioned that we do not have enough LEO clubs in our district. We do not have a bridge program, Leo to Lion for our LEO clubs. Even though they may leave for college, PDG Cathy Metschulat spoke about their membership status to be "at large" while they are away. When they return home, their membership statue would change to "Active".

Is your club looking for help with doing a community service project? Ask your local Boy scouts to help. This would help the boy scout with his or her service badge. We are always looking for an area to start a new Club. Should, anyone have information, please let DG Shirley Know.

If your club meeting should have to be canceled, have a zoom meeting in its place. Come out of your shell, have FUN.

**Discussion on what our service project could be at the next district meeting:**

PDG Bill Metschulat mentioned that there is still money available to purchase additional items for the Disaster Relief Boxes. These boxes will stay in our district for when they are needed. It was agreed upon that at the next District Meeting, being held at the Jefferson Twp Lions Club, November 9th, we will assemble Disaster Relief Boxes after our meeting. Additional service projects will be completed. Collection of non-perishable food for the March meeting and pajamas for Child and Youth Services, infants to 18 years, at the convention. Lion Judy Potratz, reported that Hawley does a food collection in April.

**National Braille Training Grants—Need help from all Lions:** DG Shirley asked that members of our district, please contact their local State Representatives and Senators and request that they take action against the U.S. Dept of Education for eliminating, ALL 3 national Braille Training Grants, under 235E Demonstration Program. This will directly affect the independence of the blind, deafblind, or low vision population, including many people that we are called to serve. This will also prohibit teachers from teaching to read Braille.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** **November 9, 2025**, District meeting held at the Jefferson Twp Lions Club Banquet Hall. Doors open at 12 noon. **March 8, 2025**, In Honesdale. **April 19th, 2025**, District Convention to be held at the Best Western (old Ramada) 820 Northern Blvd., Clarks Summit, Pa. 18411



#### Committee Reports:

**Hunger**-John Thubborn: Gathering details for the food collection in spring.

**Disaster Relief**-PDG Bill- explained what need to be done for the upcoming service project at the next district meeting. There is approximately \$2,000.00 to purchase supplies, plus supplies left over from the first project in May, 2025. He will take an inventory to see what needs to be purchased and will make the District Governor aware of additional items needed, that the district can participate. There are 45 boxes to be filled.

**Leadership** – IPDG Sandy Thubborn: Sandy spoke about the need for a 1st VDG and a 2nd VDG. Two zone chairs are eligible; DG Shirley will be speaking with them soon. If you are interested in moving up into one of the positions that need to be filled, please contact DG Shirley.

**Childhood Cancer** – PDG Bill Metschulat: The Pa Lions make contributions to PA Lions Care for the Kids-Four Diamond Fund, which pays all medical bills that the insurance does not cover for children with cancer. The families do not need to worry about not receiving treatment; no one is turned away. In the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the PA Lions donated \$28,844.46! Excerpt from the Four Diamonds newsletter: “Where There’s a Need, There’s a Lion.” As we officially mark the beginning of the new fiscal year, we want to say thank you for an incredible 2025(July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025! Your motto, “We Serve”, is astoundingly accurate. Your generosity and care translate to tangible support for the Four Diamond’s children who will be impacted by childhood cancer at Penn State Health Children’s Hospital this year – Together, we are conquering childhood cancer.

**Global Extension** – PDG Cathy Metschulat: Retaining members is tied to getting new club members. What do they know about Lions Club International, besides what they are told about what different clubs accomplish? Training your new members is the first step in retention. Contact PDG Cathy with any questions that you have.

**KidSight** — PDG Cathy Metschulat: The school year is starting on the right foot. Both Spot Vision Screeners have been delivered for the first set of schools that will use them for 2 weeks. Then they will be retrieved and delivered to the set of schools. This continues every 2 weeks until November. PDG Cathy has been in contact with School Health concerning the care of the 2 older screeners. When the schools have been completed, they will be sent to School Health to receive maintenance care.

**Sight First and Hearing**-PDG Butch Sands and Lion Barb Taylor: Lion Barb was working with someone with their application, who later found other help. The next meeting is being held at the Highlands in Archbald, hosted by the Eynon-Archbald Lions Club; the meeting starts at 6:30. Gordie Potratz spoke about the hearing aids that only cost \$99.00. PDG Butch stated that most people need true hearing aids.

## PA LIONS DISTRICT 14-H

### 1ST DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 13, 2025—Page 4 of 4

#### Committee Reports, Continued:

**Beacon Lodge**-PDG Cathy Metschulat: To make sure that when they are sending a donation to the camp to make sure that the memo line has what the donation is specifically for, otherwise it will go to the general fund. There is nothing wrong with the general fund, but if that is not what it's intended for.

**White Cane**-Lion Josie Sands: no report currently.

#### No Old Business

#### New Business:

DG Shirley, sold raffle tickets to all who attended the meeting to have a chance to win a handmade crocheted Lion! Lion Gordie Potratz was the winner. There will be a raffle at the District Meetings, after some discussion, it was decided not to use the money and continue to add future raffle winnings for the extent of DG Shirley's term. At the end it will be decided where to use the winnings.

The motion was made by PDG Butch Sands to close the meeting second by IPDG Sandy Thubborn, no one opposed, so carried.





## District 14-H Lions Clubs by the numbers

Abington – 27	Mayfield – 15
Benton Township – 16	Minisink – 24
Blakely/Peckville - 11	Minooka - 35
Dalton—11	Montrose - 35
Dunmore – 27	Old Forge - 19
Eynon/Archbald - 69	Olyphant - 27
Falls – 23	Scott Township - 32
Forest City – 18	Scranton - 16
Hawley/Lake Wallenpaupack – 10	South Abington - 6
Honesdale – 62	Stone Bridge/Susquehanna - 20
Jefferson Township – 25	Taylor - 14
Jessup – 16	Tunkhannock - 22
Lake Ariel – 16	Waymart – 18

***Note: Club membership numbers are current as of September 10th, 2025 .***

***Total = 614 (down 5)***



**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**