

Northeast Lion District 14H Monthly Newsletter

September, 2025



September 22, 2025

First day of Fall



Project New Hope at Beacon Lodge was founded for disabled veterans and their families. The wartime experience does not end the day a disabled veteran comes home. The affects are often felt throughout a disabled veteran's entire lifetime and can have an impact on each family member, often in ways that may be quite subtle, or hidden from view. Healing and understanding is vital to life success after military service. Each family member will deal with what has happened in their own way. Returning disabled veterans face the challenge of transitioning from military to civilian life. For many, they feel alone and forgotten. Spouses and children may struggle, first with their loved one being gone and then another adjustment after their return. No matter which era a soldier served, ALL Pa Disabled Veterans and their families are welcome! There is NO charge for Pa Disabled Veterans and their families to attend. ***From PDG Joe Skinner— see his Fair Share page later in this newsletter—optional Fair Share category: **Sponsor a Beacon Lodge camper.**

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,

I have to admit August was a very busy month: setting up club visits, training and attending the Pa. state council meeting in Harrisburg. Busy is good. Thank you, Hawley/Lake Wallenpaupack for the cookout. The weather was great and the food better.

Congratulations to all the clubs who have added new members so far this year. I'm sure the other clubs are working hard to increase membership. Remember, new members bring in new ideas and new life to our clubs. This can help to get inactive members back active again.

If you have old bicycles laying around, the Minisink Lions Club have members refurbishing these bikes for people in need. You could also bring these bicycles to the district meeting on Saturday, September 13th.

The Guiding Lion training will be starting in September. I am looking for Lions who would like to attend the training. This training is done by zoom, no traveling involved. We need guiding Lions to help our clubs and to share info with the district.

My directory will be going out to the printers. So, if you want to add any information, please let me know ASAP.

My goal is to add 20 new members to our district. Unify our clubs and district. Locate and start a new club. Together we can and will grow.

I am looking forward to my year as your District Governor. Any questions or concerns let me know.

Together We Can.

DGE Shirley Skinner

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**FIRST DISTRICT 14-H
COUNCIL MEETING**

Of the 2025-2026 Year

ALL LIONS ARE WELCOME

**Bring your young family members
to have fun at Touch a Truck while
at the park!**



SATURDAY, SEPTMEBER 13 TH , AT NOON

LAZY BROOK PARK, 113 TUNKHANNOCK TWP. DR., TUNKHANNOCK, PA 18657

THIS IS A PICNIC VENUE. HAMBURGS AND HOTDOGS

WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE BRING AN ITEM TO SHARE.

On our list of items being shared so far: Plates & napkins, potato salad, creamy tomato spinach salad, pasta salad, baked beans, deviled eggs, dessert

Please RSVP BY September 5th:

CALL or E-MAIL LION BEV WITH YOUR NUMBER ATTENDING

AND THE ITEM YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING.

DISTRICT TREASURER LION BEV BERNOSKE: 570-430-4770, bbernoske@gmail.com



Rain or shine event

Dress is casual

We have reserved the Red Pavilion

Cost is \$10 per person

PA State Council Meeting—PDG (Past District Governor) Dave Barrett Awarded Presidential Medal

On Saturday, August 2, at the PA State Council meeting, PDG Dave Barrett was awarded the Presidential Medal for his significant contribution as Chairperson for the highly successful Pennsylvania State Convention - *Congratulations, Dave!*



L-R: PDG Dave, Presenter of the medal
PID (Past International Director) Bob
Miller, and PID Cindy Gregg



L-R: PDG Dave, PID Larry Edwards, PID Bob Miller, PID Cindy Gregg and PID Jim Cavallaro.



PDG Dave and his son, Preston

International President's Medal:

A prestigious award given at the discretion of the International President to recognize Lions who make outstanding contributions to their communities and the association.





Annual Pennsylvania Lions



Fall Leadership Symposium

2 LOCATIONS

Saturday, October 4, 2025 9 AM-2 PM

PA Lions State Office

949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111

Lunch available for a \$10.00 donation (Pay at the Door)

OR

Sunday, October 5, 2025 Noon-5 PM

Beaver County Lighthouse

720 Third Avenue

New Brighton, PA 15066

Snacks will be available

Club Extension Efforts and Processes

Presenter: PDG Jeff Loudermilk

Grant Writing – Show Me The Money

Presenter: IPDG Deb Keeperts

Club Membership Retention and Enhancement

Presenter: PDG Mike Schaeffer

Succession Planning – If Not Me, Then Who and Why

Presenter: PCC Dr. Linda Zaneski

FREE & OPEN to all MD-14 Lions

To register contact PDG Bill Grager at

bilbomzk@gmail.com or call (717)615-1974

Space is Limited!

Empowerment is the key to success!



MD-14 REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

MARCH 6-8, 2026

PA State Council of Lions Clubs Office, 949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA

CANDIDATE'S REGISTRATION FORM

Cost \$195.00 (includes Institute, lodging and meals)

Checks should accompany this form and be made out to "PA State Council of Lions Clubs"

Mail to: PDG Kerry McKnight, 6 Mulberry Lane, New Freedom, PA 17349

All questions to PDG Kerry McKnight
MD14GLT-Learn@Yahoo.com or 717-759-0711

(Past participants, District Governors, Past District Governors ineligible)

Maximum 40 attendees **Please type or print CLEARLY!**

First Name _____ Last Name _____

District Number _____ Member Number _____

Highest Lions Office Held _____ Current Lion's Title _____

Email** _____ Preferred Telephone # _____

****Please Type or Print CLEARLY! Email is used for ALL Communication regarding the institute**

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Club Number _____ Month/Year Joined Lions _____

Offices Held Within Lions Club _____

Committee Positions Held Within Club _____

Why is this institute of interest to you?

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**Page 2 of Registration Form for
March 6-8 2026 Leadership Training**

By signing below I hereby commit to the conditions of attending the 2026 MD-14 RLLI

- Let us know if there are any special dietary considerations we should be aware of?
- Participants are responsible for arranging their own travel to and from the Institute.
- MD-14 GLT will make all hotel reservations.
- Participants are required to stay until the conclusion on the last day of the institute.
- If they depart early, they will not receive an acknowledgement pin nor their RLLI participation certificate.
- Participants may bring a laptop for use outside of the classroom.
- Participants are required to complete pre-assignments prior to arrival at the institute.

Candidate's Signature _____ **Date** _____

District Governor Must also Complete and Sign this Form

In what ways will this candidate benefit from attending the Regional Lions Leadership Institute.

District Governor Member Number _____

Name of District Governor _____

Signature of District Governor _____

Email (Please print) _____

Date _____





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

Dear Lion,

Whether you are a new Lion or have been a member for years, you are here because someone invited you to join. To help us grow our clubs and our service — and reach our *MISSION 1.5* goals — now it is your turn to invite someone else and share the joy that service brings.

Growth is essential for us to be able to continue to improve the service that Lions are known for around the world. We are a people-driven organization where service is at the heart of everything we do — and we need dedicated Lions like you to help us make an even greater impact together.

So invite friends and neighbors who have the heart to serve. Welcome diverse individuals and groups who will offer us fresh perspectives and energy. This is how we will keep our organization growing and thriving.

Growth benefits us all — our clubs, our communities and the people we serve. I look forward to seeing your club and your service grow.

Together we serve,

A.P. Singh
International President

See International President A. P. Singh's full newsletter [HERE](#)



Dear Lions and Leos,

At Lions International, we are working to grow our service impact, and LCIF grants empower us to help more people and meet greater needs. These grants are only possible because of the generosity of Lions and Leos like you. Your [support](#) helps LCIF fund programs that allow us to serve more people when it matters most.

As we pursue *MISSION 1.5* and invite others to join our service, don't forget to share how LCIF helps us expand our reach. This month's newsletter highlights just a few powerful examples.

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira, LCIF Chairperson

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

5 THINGS ON LIONS

🐘 5 Things You Didn't Know About Lions (but should!)

- 1 We're the largest service organization in the world
- 2 We help fight preventable blindness & vision loss
- 3 Lions Clubs exist in 200+ countries, with over 1.4 million members
- 4 We support youth programs, disaster relief, hunger, and mental health
- 5 It's not just for retirees—young professionals, students, and families are joining too!

The infographic features five Lions Clubs International logos at the bottom, each with the word 'LIONS' at the top, a large 'L' in the center, and 'INTERNATIONAL' at the bottom.



Register Here:

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



2025 Annual Research Seminar

Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation
 & Eye Research Foundation

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.



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



SATURDAY

October 18, 2025

8:00 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

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



Off to school they go!

It's that time of year again, when our kiddos are back in class. The Lion's biggest question is, "Can they see and read the chalkboard"?

Our friendly Lion is ready to help our kiddo's and make sure that they can see properly. She is showing you the Spot Vision Screener that travels around our Lions district. The Spot Vision Screener is used by a school nurse for a two week period. Currently, there are 9 school districts that use our cameras and we are always looking for more to join our school program.



Because we Lions are always on the look out to help others; please let PDG Fran know of day cares, health fairs, community days, etc. where she could use a Spot Vision Screener.

For the school program please contact
PDG Cathy Metschulat 570-504-6261 or
c.metschulat@outlook.com

For all other screenings please contact PDG Fran
570-470-7838 or fran623@comcast.net

Vision screening is a simple, fast procedure that can make a big difference in children's lives. Lions Clubs International's KidSight program screens more than 500,000 children each year in the United States, and vision screening is a long-standing Lions tradition that saves sight and saves lives.



Our District Fair Share, Club and Individual contributions make a big difference, and are well appreciated!

It's summer camp season and thanks to your support, 22 teens who are blind or low vision came together on Leader Dog's campus for an unforgettable week of growth, adventure and connection.

Campers flew in from across North America, many traveling solo for the first time. They arrived nervous but excited — by week's end, they were kayaking, climbing a 40-foot rock wall, testing GPS skills on night walks, and even braving a zombie scavenger hunt.



Riley, a returning camper, said it best, "Leader Dog has changed my life and the lives of so many others. Anyone who can help them continue offering this life-changing support for free will be appreciated by so many."

This life-changing experience was made possible by generous donors, dedicated volunteers and our incredible partners, who have supported us since our founding in 1939.

From all of us at Leader Dog, thank you for being a cherished part of our community. You're helping young people discover that they are stronger and more capable than they ever imagined.



With gratitude,
Danielle Richards
Director of Philanthropy - Annual Giving
Leader Dogs for the Blind



PAWS 365 Program

By joining our Paws 365 program, you'll become a consistent champion for our clients, helping them gain the skills and confidence to travel safely and independently every single day.

When you sign up to [contribute \\$10 or more per month](#), you'll not only make a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve, but you'll also receive exclusive updates on Roo, an adorable Future Leader Dog!

Future Leader Dog Roo is a black Labrador retriever, currently being raised in Illinois by Jeff, a member of Lions Clubs International. This affectionate, intelligent puppy is well on her way to changing someone's life. Your support doesn't just shape her journey; it changes the life of the person who will one day call her their Leader Dog.

As a member of our Paws 365 program, you'll have a front-row seat to Roo's progress, seeing the difference your generosity makes firsthand. To start receiving these exclusive updates, simply [join Paws 365 with a monthly contribution of \\$10 or more](#).

Your ongoing support can create lasting change, and we're grateful to have you as part of our community.

P.S. - Current Paws 365 members contributing \$10 or more each month are automatically enrolled to begin receiving Future Leader Dog Roo updates.



Meet Roo

Breed: Black Labrador retriever

Gender: Female

Favorite Toy: Ice cubes

Zodiac Sign: Gemini

Growing Up In: Illinois

What Her Raisers Say: "Roo is a very cuddly little girl."

[Join Paws 365](#) today and be part of Roo's journey from playful puppy to confident Leader Dog!



PA LIONS BEACON LODGE

2025 SUMMER NEWSLETTER



THAT'S A WRAP. CAMPING SEASON 2025

This summer, Beacon Lodge came alive with the joy and energy of both returning campers and new faces. Children and adults living with disabilities experienced days filled with adventure, creativity, and meaningful friendships. From spirited sports games and hands-on arts & crafts to peaceful nature walks, thrilling zipline rides, and rock wall challenges, every camper found opportunities to explore, grow, and shine. Evenings were just as memorable, with campfire gatherings under the stars and lively nights at the canteen.

This season also brought exciting adventures beyond camp. Campers browsed treasures at the Bellville Flea Market and stepped back in time at the East Broad Top Railroad Museum, where they not only explored but also enjoyed the unforgettable experience of riding an authentic steam locomotive.

But Beacon Lodge is more than a camp—it's a community. Here, differences are embraced, friendships blossom, and every individual is celebrated for who they are. The laughter, triumphs, and memories created this summer will stay with us long after the season has ended. As we look ahead, our hearts are already eager for another summer of joy, discovery, and togetherness in 2026.

VETERANS RETREAT PROJECT NEW HOPE



Veterans, families, and two service dogs enjoyed the relaxation and camaraderie of fellow veterans. PNH Co-chairs, PDG Tom Jones and PDG Jan Adams, enjoyed the 5-day Retreat with the men and women Veterans. As always, we are grateful for donations to the Beacon Lodge Camp and Project New Hope.



2025 Camp Season
Photo Bomb

WHAT COMES NEXT.

CAMP CLEAN UP

The summer has come and gone in the Blink of an eye. With all the fun from the summer, now comes the clean-up, general maintenance, and finishing of projects around the camp. Thankfully, we have an amazing staff and volunteers who come in to help. Beacon Lodge will be hosting our fall work weekend September 12th - 14th. If you are interested in coming and volunteering, give us a call or send us. begin planning for summer 2026. Setting up the calendar to have our session dates, making changes, and implementing new ideas to make the camp experience better.

CHECK IT OUT



New Computer Lab
and Wellness Center.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

- SPONSOR A CAMPER
- SPONSOR A COUNSELOR
- ATTEND A WORK WEEKEND
- MAKE A DONATION
- PARTICIPATE IN GOLF OUTING
- VOLUNTEER

814-542-2511
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www.BeaconLodge.org

PA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP WELCOMES DISABLED VETERANS AT PROJECT NEW HOPE RETREAT.



FLAG IS RAISED EACH MORNING, AND RETIRED EACH EVENING



TYE DYING IS A FAVORITE ACTIVITY FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN AT PNH.



EVEN A PROSTHESIS DOESN'T KEEP THIS VETERAN FROM THE ZIPLINE AND CLIMBING WALL



THIS COUPLE ENJOYS FISHING FOR THE TROUT IN BEACON LODGE POND



VETERANS, FAMILIES AND TWO SERVICE DOGS ENJOYED THE RELAXATION AND CAMARADERIE OF FELLOW VETERANS.



ONLY CERTIFIED SERVICE DOGS ARE PERMITTED AT BEACON LODGE CAMP

TESTIMONIES FROM VETERANS

**"THIS PLACE IS AMAZING".
"CHEF JASON MADE FANTASIC MEALS FOR US".
"RELAXING AND FELLOWSHIP IS GREAT".
"THANK YOU, FOR HAVING THIS FOR US".
"CAN'T WAIT TO COME AGAIN".**



CONGREGATING AROUND THE EVENING CAMP FIRE, STORIES OF MILITARY EXPERIENCES SHARED.



PNH CO-CHAIRS, PDG TOM JONES AND PDG JAN ADAMS, ENJOYED THE 5 DAY RETREAT WITH THE MEN AND WOMEN VETERANS. AS ALWAYS, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR DONATIONS TO THE BEACON LODGE CAMP AND PROJECT NEW HOPE.

DISTRICT 14-H Sight & Hearing Committee
Minutes August 14th, 2025 Page 1 of 3 ~ ~ Hosted by Scranton Lions
at The Scranton Club, Scranton PA



PRESENT: DG Shirley Skinner, PDG Butch Sands, Lion Josie Sands, PDG Dave Barrett, Lion Judy Potratz, Lion Gordie Potratz, PDG Karen Cokely, IPDG Sandy Thubborn, Lion John Thubborn, PDG Joe Skinner, PDG Dave Rudis, PDG Allan Hetkowski, PDG Fran Stepkovitch, Lion Ed Stepkovitch

PDG Butch Sands opened the meeting at 6:32pm, by welcoming everyone, thanks to Scranton Lions for hosting. PDG Dave Rudis and PDG Allan Hetkowski welcomed everyone, happy hosting this meeting, thank you for coming, glad you are here and enjoy. PDG Butch lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

- BREAK FOR FOOD -

The minutes of the last meeting were passed around, in newsletter & asked if reviewed. A motion was made by PDG Karen Cokely, and seconded by PDG Dave Rudis - no-one opposed, so carried.

- - **Hearing Treasurer's report:** PDG Karen Cokely

Opening/Closing Balance is - \$2,795.25 NO CHANGES

*Waiting to hear from Stonebridge Lions for \$50 application for Colleen, and to receive bill from Dr Stone, if we don't receive we will return \$ to club.

No correspondence, applications or bills.

- **Sight Treasurer's report:** Lion Barbara Taylor (absent)

Opening/Closing Balance is \$11,592.19 NO CHANGES

No correspondence, applications or bills, the one application received and approved for Brenda Barberich of Jessup, PDG Fran forwarded to her that she has been approved, but she declined, appreciated consideration.

- OLD BUSINESS -

Finalized by-laws from PCC Mark Kusma, this was tabled to next months meeting to have hard copy to approve.

PDG Karen Cokely & PDG Fran contacted Day Dreamers Day Care in Clarks Summit for vision screening, haven't heard anything back yet.

PDG Cathy Metschulet (absent) relayed info that the vision screening cameras are scheduled to use for upcoming school year.

**DISTRICT 14-H Sight & Hearing Committee
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NEW BUSINESS—

PDG Bill (absent) was approved to use the left over monies from State Convention service project, and will purchase products for emergency boxes for our district when needed. Discussions about how they will be used and PDG Butch stated they will be available for all our 4 counties in our district.

Motion made by PDG Allan Hetkowski and 2nd by Lion Judy Potratz to cancel September meeting hosted by the Minisink Lions, due to it being close to next District 14H Cabinet Meeting 9/13 at Lazy Brook Park in Tunkhannock. This will be a covered dish meeting, contact Lion Bev Bernoske of Scott Twp to coordinate what everyone is bringing. No-one opposed, so carried. PDG Fran will relay info to Minisink and email all.

Discussions about all the help LCIF has done for disasters, \$500,000 sent to Texas.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

2025 MEETINGS - SEPTEMBER CANCELLED, October at **Eynon Archbald** & November at **Tunkhannock**. (All held on the second Thursday of the month). 6:30pm start, Watch emails for changes or updates

EYEGLASSES / HEARING AIDS

ABINGTON - 191 eyeglasses, 37 sun glasses, 4 cell phones

TAYLOR - 98 eyeglasses, 37 sunglasses , several hearing aids

*Hearing aid batteries can go to PDG Karen Cokely for audiologist, Lion Barb Taylor
Is working on where to take cell phones)

PDG Comments -

- **DG Shirley** - 9/13 will be the first district meeting at noon, Lazy Brook Park in Tunkhannock, red pavilion, no white pants, bring a dish to share, call Lion Bev Bernoske of Scott Twp what you're bringing so we don't duplicate, she will coordinate. My directory is almost complete, teams are together, IPDG Sandy working on a few possible new clubs. Setting up more lions portal training and leadership training, working on zone chairs, TOGETHER WE CAN - Want to get more zone chairs to move up with leadership. New IP A.P. Singh motto is SERVE TO LEAD, LEAD TO SERVE and he wants more women and younger people in lionism. PDG Dave Barrett received the Presidential Medal at the State Meeting on 8/1 in Harrisburg.

IPDG Sandy - Thank you Scranton for hosting & the delicious meal and best wishes to DG Shirley Skinner in her year, there will be a PDG Meeting on August 28th at 6pm, in Clarks Summit at their Borough Bldg, 2nd floor.

PDG Karen - Thank you Scranton, great meal, we just did a Summer Festival and chicken bbq

PDG Butch - Thank you Scranton for hosting and thank you DG Shirley for all you are doing. One of our members went to Beacon Lodge and had a great time.

PDG Dave B - Thank you Scranton for hosting. District 14K is looking at the Hilton for their State Convention in 2028. Thank you to Scranton Lions for honoring Hunter at the Dream Game. We had a surplus of \$3000 from State Convention in my report, PCC Mark will have a report at next cabinet meeting.

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PDG Comments , continued-

PDG Dave Rudis - Thank you for coming, we had a great turnout at Our Annual Dream Game, over 14,000.

PDG Fran - thank you Scranton, State Council nominated me as the new Leader Dogs for the Blind Coordinator for the State, thank you for all you do, Summer is going by to fast!

PDG Allan - Thank you for coming, always a pleasure to host, we had a great Dream Game, congratulations to DG Shirley & IPDG Sandy for her year. We had 20 schools participate at the dream game, since 1996, donated \$375,000 to Lackawanna Blind Assn., have had 6,000 young men participate since 1996.

PDG Joe - Saw alot of old pins and enjoyed the mottos, I will make a list of them for everyone to see. Some clubs have enough money to get a Melvin Jones Fellow, trying to get South Abington turkey bingo going again, our club is working on a grant for Hillside Park from NE Pa Lions Service Foundation, and we will go to Lions of Pa for matching grant, hoping to get enough for a much needed playground. Went to International Convention with DG Shirley in Orlando, she got a nice scarf and I got a purple tie.

- GOOD OF THE DISTRICT -

HAWLEY LAKE WALLENPAUPACK - Shoe drive, collecting shoes again if anyone wants to donate.

TUNKHANNOCK - Antique Truck Show Sunday before Labor Day 8/31

SCOTT TWP - 8/16 Cow Flop noon-4pm, ticket just \$5

SCRANTON - Thank you, had our 91st Annual Dream Game at Valley View Stadium, the ceremonial coin toss was dedicated in memory of Hunter James (Lion Preston Barrett's brother), we had a great turnout.

ABINGTON - just finished music in the park, coffee stop 8/29 and 8/30, will do Thanksgiving weekend too. Gave 4 - \$500 scholarships to students going to college and one student was going to a trade school.

*** * *No further business, PDG Butch again thanked Scranton Lions for hosting the meeting, see you in October on the 9th, 2025 hosted by Eynon Archbald Lions at The Club at The Highlands, 2700 Highland Blvd S., Archbald, 6:30pm, always nice getting together and being social with all lions, we are like a family, PDG Allan Hetkowski made a motion to adjourn, PDG Dave Rudis seconded, all in favor, no-one opposed, so carried.**

Minutes submitted by Secretary Fran Stepkovitch

District Fair Share Program: An overview, Provided by PDG Joe Skinner

I know that you have heard of the District Fair Share Program, that the clubs are asked to contribute to every year, but how much do you really know about it. After all it is paid out of your Project account, which is money that your club members worked for.

FAIR SHARE is a District giving plan, with categories chosen, each year, by the current District Governor. Many / most are the same every year, but the District Governor has the option to add or remove, at his/her discretion. Some are District programs, some are State programs, and some are international programs. Some are self-explanatory, some may not be.

District 14-H Sight First- When a club is asked by someone, in their area, for assistance with a sight problem the club will contact the District Chairperson (name is in the directory), and the chairperson will contact the person, who needs assistance, and work with them to resolve their problem.

District 14-H Hearing Program- Same as with the Sight program. The Lions have hearing and Sight doctors, that have agreed to work with the Lions.

Lions Clubs International Foundation - With 100% of donations going towards grants and programs, LCIF empowers the compassionate service of Lions and those who need our help. District 14-H has benefitted from grants from Lions Clubs International grants many times, in all 4 counties.

Lions of Pa Foundation- To empower the Lions Clubs of Pennsylvania to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through their humanitarian service to Pennsylvanians. This will be accomplished by providing financial assistance to Pennsylvania Lions Clubs through matching grants, applied for by the local Lions club.

NEPA Lions Service Foundation- This was founded in 2016, when the NEPA Lions Eye Bank was sold. The Foundation covers 9 of the 27 Districts in Pa. Lions from the 9 Districts can apply for grants for issues in their community. All 4 counties in 14-H have received grants from the NEPA Lions Service Foundation. These grants are straight-up grants, they are not matching fund grants, as the Lions of Pa Foundations is.

Beacon Lodge "500 club" – Any Lion member donating \$5.00, toward the maintenance and upkeep of Beacon Lodge Camp, receives a "500 club" pin.

Pa Lions Hearing Research. - The Foundation is designed only for providing RESEARCH — not conservation or other help for the hearing impaired. Research grants are provided for researchers only in the state of Pennsylvania. 100% of the money contributed by the Lions of Pennsylvania is used for research — not for expenses!

Pa Lions Sight Conservation & Research - Our Foundation makes donations to researchers who are doing cutting edge investigations into eliminating blindness in the world. We are comprised of 17 districts (or sub-districts) across the state of Pennsylvania. We are comprised of Lions Clubs, Leo Clubs, all dedicated to the Lions Clubs International motto of "We Serve".

Leader Dog for the Blind - Leader Dogs for the Blind helps people who are blind or visually impaired cultivate confidence and build their lives through comprehensive, lifetime service. Your contributions allow us to be a resource and an ally on the path to independence

3 OPTIONAL categories: Pa Lions All-State Band. - The Pennsylvania Lions All-State Band provides opportunities for high-school age musicians across Pennsylvania to come together for musical growth and performance experience. The ensemble encourages participants to learn more about themselves and each other through rehearsals as well as travel and touring to locations in Pennsylvania and internationally.

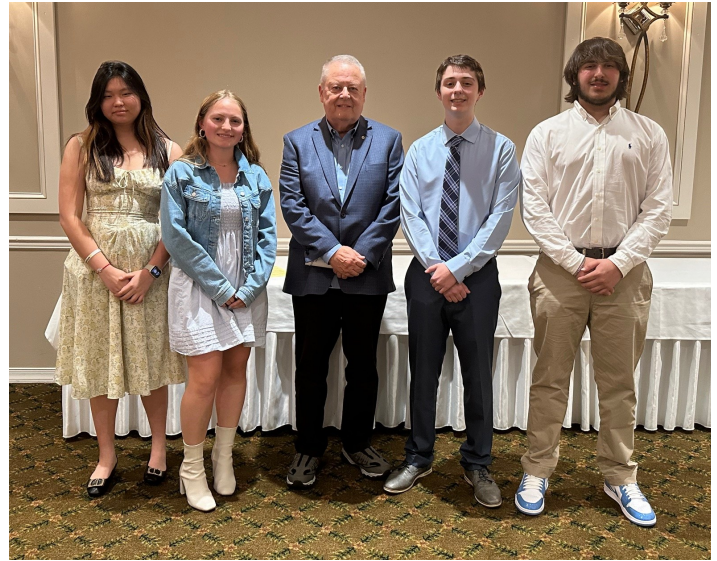
Pa Lions Beacon Lodge Camp 14-H Cabin Maintenance - District 14-H has a cabin at Beacon Lodge. The district is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of this cabin

Pa Beacon Lodge Camp "Camper Sponsorship" = \$500.00 - Beacon Lodge is a summer camp with programs designed for children and adults living with special needs. The Camping sessions are 6 or 11 days. Our Mission is to provide these individuals the opportunity to enjoy a camping experience encompassing recreational, educational, and personal adjustment. Campers also include disabled veterans and their families, since Project New Hope was founded for disabled veterans and their families.

Abington Lions Club

The Abington Lions club recently awarded **four scholarships** to senior members of the Abington Heights graduating class at the Scholarship Awards and Reflections Ceremony held at the Montdale Country Club.

From left are Anni Ni, who will be attending Penn State University, Scranton; Maura Piviroto, who will attend the University of Scranton; Richard Winslow, presenter, Abington Lions Club; Jacob Walter's, who will attend the University of Pittsburgh; and Franco Scandale, who will attend Johnson College.



The Abington Lions provided a coffee stop on Route 81 north on Friday and Saturday of Labor Day Weekend.. Shown are PDG Joe Skinner and Lions Dave Lindsey and John Skaluba.



Benton Township Lions Club

Come see us at this future fundraiser event:

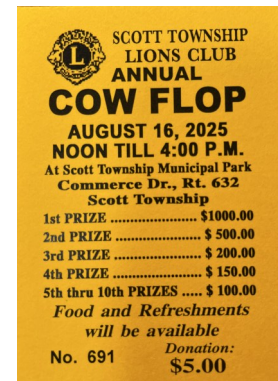
The Fleetville Fall fair - September 6th

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



Scott Township Lions Club

Another successful **Cow Flop** was held on August 16th —our 2nd largest fundraiser of the year. Thanks to all who supported us by purchasing tickets and by stopping by for some rib eye sandwiches, burgers, dogs and drinks.



L-R: PDG Gene Scagliotti, Lion Tim Snyder, Lion Jerry Boyarsky — looking up winning numbers as the afternoon action continued!



This year's cow—she was very friendly!

Honesdale Lions Club



B O N A N Z A

A Night In
VEGAS

OCT. 5, 2025
1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

WILDFLOWER ON WATTS
321 Watts Hill Road, Honesdale

OPEN BAR • HORS D'OEUVRES • DESSERTS
– Business casual attire is appropriate –

\$150 PP • \$300 PER COUPLE • \$1,100 Party of 8

*Casino Games
& Prizes!*



Questions?
HonesdaleLionsClub@
gmail.com

*Thanks for supporting the Honesdale Lions
as we continue to help the community!*

What to Expect:

- Casino-style tables: Black-jack, Roulette, Craps & more
- Carnival-style card games
- Live entertainment
- Raffles with great prizes
- Hors d'oeuvres, open bar & desserts

No experience is needed! Whether you're a seasoned card player or brand new, you'll be playing for funny money, all in the name of charity.

The Lions Club have been serving our community for generations through meaningful philanthropic projects. Your attendance helps us continue that mission, and ensures a night filled with laughter, fun, and memories.

RSVP TODAY!

Come join us for an evening unlike any other in town. Bring your friends, have a girls day or a date day out!

Try your luck, and support a cause that truly matters!

RSVP On Facebook: [CLICK HERE](#)

Or: contact honesdalelionsclub@gmail.com

Dunmore Lions Club

The Dunmore Lions Club installed a new member during its August dinner meeting at The Bistro at The Holiday Inn in Dunmore Thursday evening. Installing official was Past District Governor Fran Stepkovitch.



Welcome, Carole !



Pictured from the left are James Colangelo, Dunmore Lions Club President; Sam Sebastianelli, Treasurer and Sponsor; Carole Thompson, new Lions Club member; and PDG Fran Stepkovitch.



Falls Lions Club

The Falls Lion Club provided a key element of any Festival: Delicious food!

FALLS LIONS CLUB		
SUMMER CELEBRATION MENU		
11:00 A.M.	1:00 P.M.	DRINKS
BBQ CHICKEN DINNER	PULLED PORK SANDWICH	SODA
\$13.00	\$6.00	\$2.00
ALL DAY	POTATO PANCAKES	WATER
Hot Dogs \$2.00	\$5.00	\$1.00



As seen on Facebook: "A massive, heartfelt thank you to the Falls Lions Club for their tireless dedication and incredible volunteer work in our community. Every time there's a need, you all show up in full force, ready to lend a hand, and your commitment doesn't go unnoticed."





**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

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• QUANTITIES

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

Jefferson Township Lions Club

Three fun, fundraising bingo events: 9/13, 10/18 and 11/15. This event can be seen in Facebook: click [HERE](#)



IT'S BACK!!

CASH BINGO

LIONS CLUB EVENT HALL
811 LIONS RD, JEFFERSON TWP, PA

CASH Bingo at the Jefferson Twp Lions Club!
Join us this Fall for fun, food, and games!

DOOR PRIZES
PULL-TABS
50/50

SATURDAY, SEPT 13TH
SATURDAY OCT 18TH

EARLY BIRD
TICKETS - \$25
AT THE DOOR - \$30



**MENTAL HEALTH
& WELL-BEING
WEEK**

OCTOBER 4-12, 2025

An initiative by
International President
A.P. Singh



Olyphant Lions Club

Olyphant Lions at National Night Out

The Olyphant Lions proudly participated in the Olyphant Police Department and Neighborhood Watch National Night Out on August 23. This free community event brought neighbors together for an evening of fun and connection. The celebration featured food, giveaways, demonstrations, fireworks, and more. The Lions were grateful for the opportunity to support this tradition and engage with the community we serve.



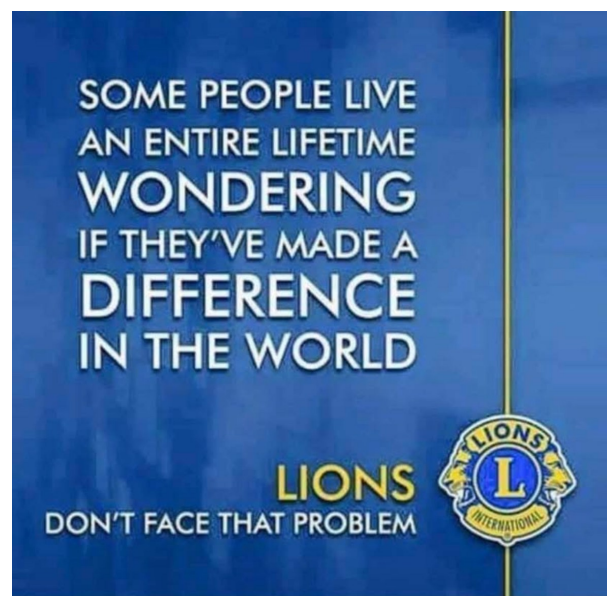
(from left to right) Frank Campbell, Jack Horvath, Donna Kropa, Stefanie Camoni)



(from left to right) Senator Rosemary Brown, Donna Kropa, Stefanie Camoni



Frank Campbell, Senator Rosemary Brown



District 14-H Lions Clubs by the numbers

Abington – 28	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 – 24	Scott Township - 32
Forest City – 18	Scranton - 19
Hawley/Lake Wallenpaupack – 10	South Abington - 6
Honesdale – 62	Stone Bridge/Susquehanna - 20
Jefferson Township – 24	Taylor - 14
Jessup – 16	Tunkhannock - 22
Lake Ariel – 17	Waymart – 18

Note: Club membership numbers are current as of end of July .

Total = 619 (up 4)



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