# Northeast Lion District 14H Monthly Newsletter

# November, 2025







# Honoring All Who Served \*\*\* THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE. \*\* VETERANS DAY

## **Veterans Day**

#### **November 11th**

A day to honor the courage and sacrifice of those who have served. Take a moment to thank a veteran and reflect on their dedication.



White Cane collection numbers from Josie, for our district, from October:

3 Clubs provided hours: Eynon Archbald (30), Tunkhannock (20) and North Pocono Minisink (16). That's a total of 66 hours! Total dollars collected from these three clubs was: \$3,122—GREAT JOB!

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,

Hope everyone is ready for the changing of the clocks and the cooler temperatures.

I want to thank the following clubs for the warm welcomes I received: Benton, Scranton, Montrose, Forest City and Jefferson Lions. We had a lot of discussions on the district and the Lions Portal.

I am willing to arrange training for clubs on the Lions Portal: please let me know. The first step is for Lions to sign on to the portal. Then we work from there. Club secretaries may call member services, 630-468-6900. They are very helpful and may get you logged in.

There are still a few clubs that have not reached out for a visit. I will try making calls next week and see what we can do.

The District is still in need of Lions willing to move up in leadership. It is time consuming but a lot of fun. Meeting a good group of people and visiting the clubs is a learning experience. There are different needs and many ideas, which can be shared with other clubs.

Remember: if you have a large community project that needs funding we have grants available. The NEPA lions Service Foundation and the Pa lions service Foundation are always willing to help. If you have questions, just ask.

We are still looking for new members, starting new clubs, and maybe a new Leo club. So far, the district has 8 new members. Keep up the good work.

We are doing a lot in our communities which is great. Wear your lion shirts and make Lions known. Remember to have FUN.

Together We Can.

DGE Shirley Skinner sasskiner@comcast.net

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# **Lions District 14H Cabinet Meeting: All Lions Invited**

WHEN: Sunday November 9th TIME: Noon

WHERE: Jefferson Township Lions Club

811 Lions Rd

Jefferson Township. PA 18436

**COST** \$10 per person (covers cost of chicken tenders with garlic & butter and sliced roast beef with juice)

**RSVP** to Bev Bernoske @gmail.com or (570) 430-4770—Payment can be by cash or check, at the time of the cabinet meeting

**YOU ARE INVITED TO BRING**: side dishes, desserts, beverages, bread, and paper goods. Your contributions are greatly appreciated. To coordinate your choice with others, contact Cathy Metshulat: c.metschulat@outlook.com or (570) 504-6261

#### WHY SHOULD I ATTEND?

- Experience a regular business meeting, direct contribution not required
- Help us complete a service project. PDG Bill Metschulat is the district's Disaster Relief
  chair. He has the materials to complete 50 disaster relief boxes filled with various items,
  such as cleaning supplies, first aid kits, tarps, etc. If you have time after the meeting,
  please stay and help fill the boxes which are to remain here in our district for when they
  are needed
- Meet more Lions and share some good food & fellowship!
- Provide updates (optional) on your club activities
- Let your District know what can help make your clubs more successful





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

#### Dear Lion,

Lions are always reaching higher — in our personal growth and in the strength of our clubs. Fortunately, we never have to do it alone. We offer tools and resources to support you with everything you need to grow, thrive, serve and lead with purpose.

Take a moment today to explore our online resources in the Member Resource Center. Whether you're looking for dynamic new recruitment tools, service project planners, or marketing or leadership development resources, you'll find inspiration and practical support to help your club serve more — and serve better.

So tap into the tools for success and watch your club soar.

Together we serve,

A.P. Singh
International President

Click <u>HERE</u> for the entire letter from International President A. P. Singh, and links online resources



#### **Dear Lions and Leos,**

Service projects made possible through LCIF grants are helping Lions and Leos make a lasting mark on the world. This month, we reflect on that life-changing service and on the generosity that makes it possible.

In this issue, you'll find:

- A short video showing how LCIF grants transform lives
- Opportunities to add to your support and earn limited-edition recognition
- News of an international award recognizing SightFirst and its legacy in vision
- And more

Your generosity and commitment to LCIF power these life-changing grants and ensure our collective impact endures.

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira, LCIF Chairperson

**CLICK HERE** to see Fabricio Oliveira's full letter





# Historic hurricane devastates Jamaica and the Caribbean region.

Hurricane Melissa made landfall in Jamaica as a Category 5 storm, the strongest ever recorded on the island. The storm brought catastrophic winds, torrential rainfall and life-threatening flooding. It left entire communities in Jamaica's south and west submerged, destroyed homes and caused widespread power and communications outages, as well as severe infrastructure damage, including roads, bridges and hospitals. The hurricane continued to batter additional Caribbean nations with torrential rain, flooding and landslides.

When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude 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 for relief in Jamaica, to empower Lions in the impacted areas to help their communities recover.

Your donation can make a difference.

## **HELP NOW**







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

Vendor's name:	Business name
(Please print)	(Please print)
Telephone: cell	residence
Email:	(Please print)
Table/space cost: \$ 20.00 Pr	re-payment requested. No shows Nov. 15- No refund
(Check one) INSIDEspace	ce, 8 foot table provided - OUTSIDE No table
Check in/Set up time: 8:00 am Nov 15	
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	en 814-542-2511 option #2 or Jan Adams 717-732-2291
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Hello all:

See attached photo.

Lions Dave and Kelly McMullen and granddaughter Rylee gave up their Saturday to help promote Beacon Lodge, along with me, at a local Fall Festival. Joe Hicks joined us for an hour and half as well.

I solicited for crafters and vendors, hopefully with some success. Flyers were distributed and many conversations took place with people who were or were not familiar with the camp. Several had stories of when they or relatives worked at Camp.

All Board members - please be certain the flyer is in your District and Club Newsletter.

It's up to each of us to continue to market, present and attend functions at Beacon Lodge. Bring you family and friends, help make this a successful event.

Regards,

Jan

PDG Jan Adams
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#### **NOTE: PLEASE READ—YOUR ACTION CAN HELP!**

Dear Leader Dog Community,

The department of Education has announced a reduction in force that would eliminate most positions within the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS), effective December 9, 2025.

If these layoffs proceed, they could undermine the Department's ability to carry out its responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1973, and the Randolph-Shepp Act. This would disrupt access to Braille education, mobility and employment training, and entrepreneurial opportunities for people who are blind or have low vision — services that are critical to the independence we foster every day at Leader Dogs for the Blind.

We urge you to take action. Please contact your elected officials and let them know that these programs must be protected. Your voice can help preserve the resources that empower people who are blind or have low vision. **Find your representative.** 

Together, we can make a difference.

With appreciation for your voice and action,

Melissa Weisse

President, CEO



### Adapting Instruction to Every Client's Needs:

At Leader Dogs for the Blind, our top priority is ensuring each client receives customized instruction that allows them to develop exceptional skills to travel independently with a white cane or a guide dog. Though all our guide dog mobility instructors (GDMIs) and certified orientation & mobility specialists (COMS) are skilled at adapting the training process to accommodate a wide range of personalities and individual needs, the GDMIs on our adaptive services team also individualize client and dog instruction for additional client needs or disabilities that may be physical or intellectual.

Click **HERE** to read more about this.





#### The Many Hearts That Raised Gram

Every Future Leader Dog begins their journey with one goal: to become a life-changing companion for someone who is blind or low vision. But before they can take on that responsibility, they are first raised by people who pour love, time, and dedication into their early training.

Gram was no exception. Over the past year, this confident, snuggly, and spirited puppy has been shaped by not just one puppy raiser, but six. A group of Leader Dog team members that said "let's raise a puppy" during a lunch ended up saying "yes" to raising Gram together. What followed was a beautiful, shared experience full of laughs, lessons, and moments of deep pride.

Click <u>HERE</u> for their stories, in their own words.



# 14H District Project - Calling all clubs!



You can help make this District-wide project a bigger success by calling on all members to help us with this food drive. Each Cabinet meeting will focus on a service project for our community.

# **Food Drive**

# **Northeast Lions District 14H**

# Supporting our District 14H Counties

Collect non-perishable food through February 28, 2026. Food can be brought to your local Lions Club for bringing to the District Meeting in March, or brought to 104 5<sup>th</sup> St, Mayfield, PA 18433.

Please – No Non-perishable foods with past expiration dates.

For more information, please contact
Lion John Thubborn at sthubborn@msn.com

# 14H District Project—Calling all clubs!

All members can help—donate some new pajamas



supporting

# Children & Youth Services (Foster Care)

of our District 14 HCounties

What: pajamas of all sizes from newborn through age 18.

(Appropriate PJs please, no spaghetti straps or short-shorts.)

When: through April 1st, 2026

Where: give the pajamas to your local Lions Club.

The Lions will bring them to our District 14H Convention at the Best Western, Clarks Summit, PA on April 19, 2026.

for more information contact IPG Sandy Thubborn at sthubborn@msn.com

Lots of time to look for some good pajama sales!



We will be sorting the pajamas collected at the April 19th Cabinet Meeting



#### DISTRICT 14-H Sight & Hearing Committee, page 1 of 3

Minutes October 9th, 2025 ~ ~ Hosted by Eynon Archbald Lions at The Club at The Highlands, Archbald PA

PRESENT: DG Shirley Skinner, PDG Butch Sands, Lion Josie Sands, PDG Dave Barrett, PDG Karen Cokely, PDG Joe Skinner, PDG Fran Stepkovitch, Lion Ed Stepkovitch, PDG Gene Scagliotti, PDG Bill Metschulat, Lion Barbara Taylor, Lion Maureen Kresge, Lion Jamie Kresge, Lion Preston Barrett, Lion Genie Seymore, Lion Erin Owen, Lion Cathy Gillette, Lion Peggy Devivo Kubash

PDG Butch Sands opened the meeting at 6:30pm, by welcoming everyone, thanks to Eynon Archbald Lions for hosting and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Lion Erin Owen welcomed everyone, welcome to our lion neighbors, thank you for coming and appreciate all you do, glad you are here and enjoy. Motion by Lion Erin to break for food, seconded by PDG Bill, all in favor, no-one oppose, so carried.

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 Barrett - no-one opposed, so carried.

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

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

\*Still haven't heard from Stonebridge Lions for \$50 application for Colleen, and no bill received from Dr Stone, if we don't receive I will return \$50.00 to club.

No correspondence, applications or bills. A motion made by Lion Barb Taylor to accept Hearing Treasurer's Report, seconded by DG Shirley, all in favor no-one oppose, so carried.

#### - Sight Treasurer's report: Lion Barbara Taylor

Opening/Closing Balance is \$11,592.19

Sent check to Keystone National Insurance \$172.00 for our 3 vision screeners (1 year coverage) \$11,420.19 Closing Balance

No correspondence or bills, received one application for 6 year old child in New Milford, one of 4, doesn't have health insurance, partially covered by CHIP, asking for \$100.00, need approval. PDG Bill made motion to pay the \$100.00 and Lion Erin Owen seconded, all in favor, no-one oppose, so carried.

#### - OLD BUSINESS -

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

PDG Fran and Lion Erin did vision screening at Little Visionaries in Eynon, and PDG Fran gave screener to Fell Charter School for screening students. PDG Fran has letters for Day Cares, anyone can take and drop or mail to your local area Day Cares. Thank You



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PDG Cathy Metschulet (absent) - PDG Bill read report -

KidSight Program going well, four schools have already had their turn with the screener, more upcoming. I received an email from nurse Mary Ellen at School Health, advising me that 2 of our screeners were without a service contract. A quote was received stating that is included the following - - Spot Vision Screener comes with a complimentary 5 year Smart Care Service Program (\$1,920.00 value). The quote was approved at Sight First and Hearing Board. We are available for an additional rebate, exclusive SH \$2,000 rebate per spot purchase valid 7/1 - 9/30/25. NOTE: Not an automatic redemption, complete online redemption for at (http://www.hillrom.com/schoolhealth2025-q3/, by 11/15/25 with invoice copy. Fundraising for Kidsight tabled for future needs.

#### - NEW BUSINESS -

PDG Dave Barrett asked what to do with cell phones collected, WalMart in Taylor & Dickson City have vending type machine to donate old phones and receive \$, will discuss further in November.

Lion Barbara mentioned to keep in mind for sorting eyeglasses, will pick a date at March meeting, Lions Gordie and Judy are generous in storing eyeglasses and IPDG Sandy and Lion John donating their truck and time to bring to NJ for recycling. Lion Cathy Gillette inquired about eyeglass sorting and Lion Barbara explained our process for sorting and packing.

PDG Karen discussed how hearing aids are recycled, with Abington Audiology and Starkey refurbishes.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

2025 MEETINGS - November at **Tunkhannock at Todd & Rachel's.** (All held on the second Thursday of the month). 6:30pm start, Watch emails for changes or updates

#### **EYEGLASSES / HEARING AIDS**

MINISINK - have large amount eyeglasses for recycling, will contact Lions Gordie & Judy to drop off. LAKE ARIEL - large amount eyeglasses, will contact Lions Gordie & Judy to drop off. MONTROSE & BLUE RIDGE LEOs - 198 eyeglasses, several hearing aids and batteries EYNON ARCHBALD - 121 eyeglasses

#### PDG Comments -

DG Shirley - 11/9 will be the second district meeting at noon, Jefferson Twp Lions, 811 Lions Rd, Mount Cobb 18436, bring a dish to share, picnic in Tunkhannock was a bug success. Hawley Lake Wallenpaupack shoe collection still ongoing until 12/31. We will be filling approx 50 district disaster relief boxes, info coming soon. March district meeting will be in Honesdale doing Food Drive and will distribute to all our four counties food pantries. April will be the District Convention at the Best Western in Clarks Summit, doing a pajama drive infant to age 18 sizes. Check newsletter for all info, clubs are putting in more info, you can get ideas for events from our other clubs. Send info to Lion Bev Bernoske for newsletter.



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- **PDG Karen** Thank you Eynon Archbald, our DG visit is coming soon, wishing everyone Happy Holidays, they will be here before we know it.
- **PDG Butch** Thank you Eynon Archbald for hosting and thank you DG Shirley for all you are doing. Our food trailer had been reconditioned, took to district meeting 9/13. Wyoming County Community is having a program to help with drug rehab. Police officer that was injured in Dalton was one who picked up our unwrapped toys at our chicken & biscuits dinner last year, hits close to home.
- **PDG Dave B** Thank you Eynon Archbald, went to the USA/Canada Forum, highly recommend it, great learning experience. South Abington and Minooka Lions are doing the Super Bowl pool together, will have tickets next month.
- **PDG Fran** thank you for coming, thank you for all you do. Thank you to my dessert makers Cathy, Peggy and Erin.
- **PDG Joe** been busy with Abington Recreational Park, Hillside Park, working on grant with NEPA Lions Service Foundation \$15,000, Township gave \$6,000 towards project, applied to Lions of Pa for \$22,000 more, their meeting is on 10/11 to see how much we will get. Working with Boy Scouts on Eagle Scout Project. PDG Fran asked status for Archbald Veteran's Park grant, waiting to hear if approved.

**PDG Gene** - Thank you Eynon Archbald, see you at the next meeting.

**PDG Bill** - Thank you Eynon Archbald, always nice to get together with other lions. Working on \$6,800 grant to help music center for children, helps them who can't hear certain tones, our club donated \$3,000 towards this program. Pics will be in the newsletter. Come and help when we put together the disaster relief boxes.

#### - GOOD OF THE DISTRICT -

**HAWLEY LAKE WALLENPAUPACK** - Shoe drive, collecting new or slightly used shoes again if anyone wants to donate through 12/31/25.

**TUNKHANNOCK** - White Cane Collection this Saturday, 12/13 chicken & biscuits dinner, bring unwrapped toy, will be at the Moose Hall (If anyone can't make this, contact Barbara Taylor if you would like to donate a toy, thank you).

SCOTT TWP - 10/25 Chicken BBQ \$15

**ABINGTON** - Coffee stop Thanksgiving weekend.

**EYNON ARCHBALD** - Just did our White Cane Collection, Fall Clean up. Planning our Thanksgiving meals and SAVE THE DATE 1/24/26 Snowflake Gala benefiting Leader Dogs for the Blind and our local events. **FALLS** - 10/25 Trunk or Treat in Hock Park 1-3pm

\* \* No further business, PDG Butch again thanked Eynon Archbald Lions for hosting the meeting, see you in November on the 13th, 2025 hosted by Tunkhannock Lions at Todd & Rachel's, 215 W Tioga St, Tunkhannock, 6:30pm, always nice getting together and being social with all lions, we are like a family, PDG Gene Scagliotti made a motion to adjourn, Lion Erin Owen seconded, all in favor, no-one opposed, so carried.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Fran Stepkovitch

Wayne County Clubs: This foundation could be a source of some financial support for your projects



Our next grant cycle deadline is March 1, 2026.

If your 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization is interested in applying for a grant of up to \$5,000, please click the button below to learn more.

You can submit a grant application at any time throughout the year. We distribute grants twice a year, spring and fall. Applications received by September 1st will be considered for this fall grant cycle. To be considered for the spring grant cycle, please have grant applications in by March 1st.

Learn more about these grants by clicking **HERE** 



# **Notice to all Lions:**

If you are interested in donating to Meals on Wheels NEPA, you can send checks to:

Meals on Wheels NEPA

P O Box 3657

Scranton, PA 18505

#### **Benton Lions Club**



On October 25th, the Benton Twp Lions participated in the Trunk or Treat event for the Lackawanna Trail PTO.

Members pictured here are Tim Dietrich, Zach Frable, and Mary Gerrity.

A huge congratulations to our very own Melvin Jones award recipient, 50 year and founding member, David "Trapper" James.

It's an honor to serve alongside you.

Special Thank You To District Governor, Shirley Skinner for presenting the award.



### **Eynon Archbald Lions Club**

# Eynon Archbald Lions Club clean up crew!



L-R
Angie Apostolaros
Jerry Casey
Shirley Barrett
Fran Stepkovich
Karen Rapoch
Genie Seymour
Erin Owen





#### **Falls Lions Club**

## Trunk or Treat on October 25th—sponsored by the Falls Lions Club!















# 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

#### Jefferson Township Lions Club

One more fun, fundraising bingo event: 11/15. This event can be seen in Facebook: click **HERE** 



On October 28th, we had the distinct privilege to attend the Johnson College Scholarship Breakfast today and meet the recipient of our **Jefferson Twp Lions Scholarship**.

Congratulations to Cody Schoonover, a Hamlin resident, attending Johnson College's Electrical Construction Technician program!





#### **Jefferson Lions Club**

#### Jennifer Richards:

With a heavy heart we have to say goodbye and good fight . Jenn you will be missed by so many , it was a honor to us all who knew you . Deepest condolences to the family and her sons . Link to obituary



### **Jessup Lions Club**

The Jessup Lions Club presented life saving equipment through grant from NEPA Lions Foundation to Jessup Hose Co. #2



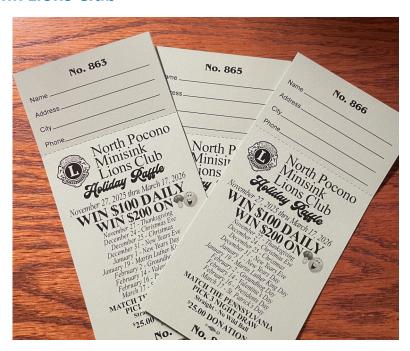
Pictured above, L\_R: Secretary Lion Ken Savitski, President Lion Tony Ligi, Capt Anderson, Treasurer Lion Angela Muchal, and Lion Bill Muchal

#### Minisink Lions Club

#### **Get your Raffle Tickets!**

North Pocono Minisink Lions Calendar Raffle Chairman Tony Seidita is in the mailings process for a new "Holiday Raffle".

The winning numbers will be based on the Pick 3 number drawn each night beginning on Nov. 27, 2025 and will run 111 days til March 17, 2026. Dailey prizes are \$100 with 10 Holidays (or Special Event days) paying \$200 each. Tickets are \$25 each and are available by contacting Tony at 570-840-6279.



#### Adopt-A-Highway:

On Oct. 18, 2025, a glorius Fall morning, the NP Minisink Adopt-A-Highway caballeros cleanup crew were out and about on a 2 mile stretch of Rt. 690 in Moscow Borough collecting litter and discarded junk. For the first time in the Club's Adopt-A-Highway 30+yr. history all bags of litter and miscellaneous junk collected were picked up by a PADot crew later that same day! Hoorah!



Pictured L to R: Dave Ogonosky, Matt Alferio, Glenn Czulada, Frank Bonacci and Jim Strempek. "*Ogonosky, Party of 5 please*".



# **District 14-H Lions Clubs by the numbers**

Abington – 27

Benton Township – 16

Blakely/Peckville - 11

Dalton—11

Dunmore – 27

Eynon/Archbald - 66

Falls – 23

Forest City – 18

Hawley/Lake Wallenpaupack - 10

Honesdale - 62

Jefferson Township – 25

Jessup – 16

Lake Ariel - 16

Mayfield – 15

Minisink – 24

Minooka - 35

Montrose - 35

Old Forge - 19

Olyphant - 27

Scott Township - 32

Scranton - 16

South Abington - 6

Stone Bridge/Susquehanna - 20

Taylor - 16

Tunkhannock - 22

Waymart – 18

**Total = 613 (down 1)** 

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



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