Northeast Lion District 14H Monthly Newsletter



December, 2025







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 hope everyone has recovered from all the turkey and deserts, and uniting with family and friends.

Time to get back to work for the district and our communities. Lionism is a team, made up of individuals united in service. This service is to be Respected by ALL involved. When we show respect for each other, the fun in service shows. Disrespecting the rules of conduct in Lionism, starts the destruction of lionism.

December will find us all involved with community projects, helping people in need, and making plans with family. Remember to show those pictures.

Our next district meeting will be March 8, 2026, in Honesdale. We are doing a Collection of non-perishable food items. Start stocking up.

The district convention will be April 19th at the Best Western in Clarks Summit. Our district project will be collection pajamas for ages infant to 18 years, for Child and youth services.

Any questions or concerns do not hesitate to call me.

Together We Can.

DGE Shirley Skinner sasskiner@comcast.net

570-587-2073



April 19, 2026: Pajama drive—sort for distribution at the District Convention—Best Western in Clarks Summit



March 8, 2026: food collection—District meeting in Honesdale





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

Dear Lion,

The Lion journey is different for each of us, but one thing is the same: being a Lion changes you. As you serve, you're not only improving the lives of others, you're discovering your own potential.

Every act of service shows you the power you have to make a difference. Every role, every project, every effort teaches you leadership, compassion and growth. Each of us has something valuable to offer — and Lions help bring that out.

Lions are inclusive, so invite someone to join you on your Lion journey today. We want as many people as possible to be part of what we build and the good that we do. Together, we will strengthen our organization, the communities we serve and ourselves. Together in service,

A.P. Singh International President

See International President A. P. Singh's full newsletter **HERE**



Dear Lions and Leos,

As we near the end of the year, I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported LCIF in 2025. Your compassion and generosity make a difference when people need us most.

In this month's newsletter, read how Lions in Nepal are fighting hunger, learn about our LCIF Diabetes Grants in honor of World Diabetes Day, and find ways to share your story of giving to inspire your fellow Lions to make their first gift to LCIF to celebrate our founder Melvin Jones' 147th birthday in January.

Looking ahead to 2026, I invite you to renew your support and inspire others to join you. Together, we can continue to empower Lions and create hope through service.

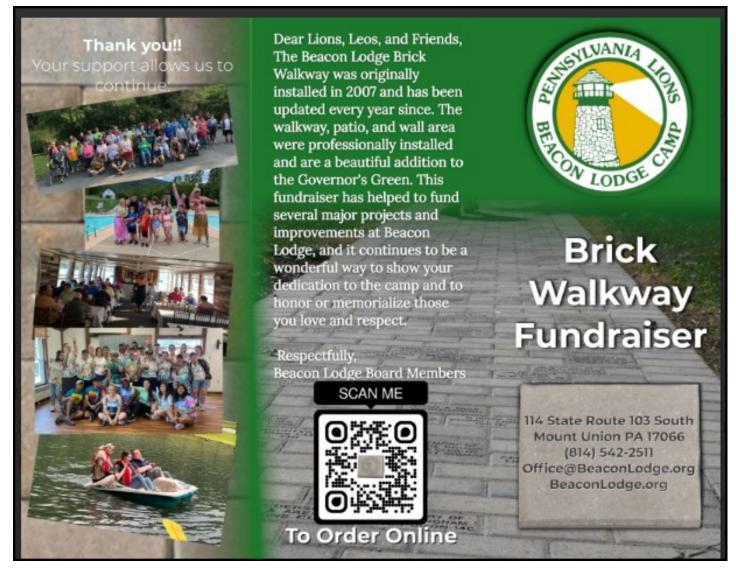
At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira, LCIF Chairperson

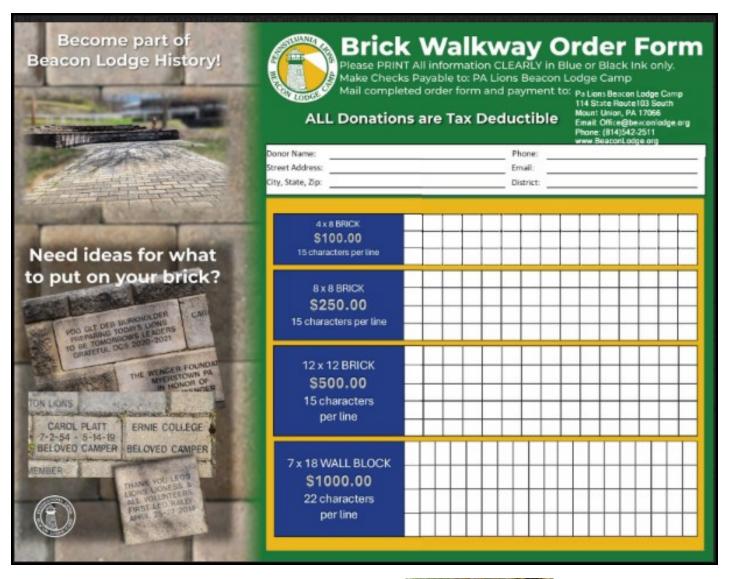
CLICK HERE to see Fabricio Oliveira's full letter

Beacon Lodge Camp: Brick Walkway Fundraiser

The Members of the Board at Pa Lions Beacon Lodge Camp have the pleasure of introducing to you our new Brick Walkway brochure. As you can see, it has been long overdue for an update. Purchasing a brick for the walkway is a perfect way to honor a Lion whose work is excellent or for a Lion who has passed along. The bricks are of different sizes and prices to help anyone who would like to purchase a brick. You do not have to be a Lion to purchase a brick, but the name on the brick does need to be one. The Brick Walkway is a fundraiser for the camp, and can be beneficial to you as a Lion or your Club. Should you be interested in purchasing a brick, please contact PDG's Bill & Cathy Metschulat, who are the board members for your district. In any way that you can help the camp financially, there is much gratitude. Thank you!



See Page 2 of the Brick Walkway Fundraiser Brochure on the next page









This Thanksgiving, the Martin family is most grateful for something they once feared might be lost - a return to normalcy.

Just a year ago, 8-year-old Westin could barely walk after what seemed like a simple tumble. Most kids fall, get up, and keep playing. But this time was different. What started as back pain soon became something no family is ever prepared to hear. Neuroblastoma.

Through surgeries, scans, chemotherapy and immunotherapy, one thing never wavered: Westin's strength. With the support of Four Diamonds, Penn State Health Children's Hospital and compassionate caregivers, the Martins never had to choose between their son's treatment and their financial stability.

TO READ WESTIN'S STORY, CLICK HERE



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 5th 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



When members feel valued, connected & proud of what their club does, they don't leave. Retention isn't about keeping numbers — it's about keeping hearts engaged in service.

December & June drops are often the result of clubs purging their rosters before the semi-annual billing deadlines. But that behavior is symptomatic, not the root cause. Let's stop the drops by addressing both prevention & perception.

DECEMBER & JUNE DROPS HAPPEN BECAUSE:

- Clubs don't want to pay for inactive members.
- Members feel disconnected or unengaged or unheard or unappreciated.
- There's a "clean-up culture" rather than a renewal mindset.

service + fun = happy Lions

Engage Now - Before the Drop

IDENTIFY AT-RISK MEMBERS

- · Who hasn't attended meetings?
- · Who hasn't participated in service?
- · Who might drop?
- Check in personally with every member now.
- Ask why they have become distant or might be considering leaving & listen without judgment.
- Offer flexible dues payment options (installments, sponsorships, or club-level assistance funds).
- Use this as a chance to re-sell the value of being a Lion: friendship, purpose, impact & connection.

REACTIVATE THROUGH SERVICE

Promote a December service project where EVERY member has a role, even if it's small.

MEASURABLE GOAL - At least one contact/engagement for every Lion by November 30.

Let's make every Lion proud to stay a Lion.

Click **HERE** to visit lionsusa.org - a resource for Lions—tools and ideas—take a look!



ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER FOR DISTRICTS AND LEO CLUB NEWSLETTERS



The Lions International Pin Trading Club is proud to announce a Youth Scholarship of US\$4,000 for a graduating senior who is the child or grandchild of a Lions or a member of a Leo Club. The most important aspect of the Youth Scholarship Program is to help a young person pursue his/her education and follow their dreams.

The LITPC takes great pride in fulfilling the motto of Lions Clubs International, "WE SERVE". During the SightFirst II Campaign, the pin traders contributed US\$144,000 to LCIF. Our Scholarship Program is another example of the pin traders' slogan, "Lions First".

Selection of the scholarship recipient will be based on academic achievement, an essay stating the student's goals, a statement of reason(s) for applying and an overview of work, community and school service, and letters of recommendation. Applications and supporting documentation are to be completed and submitted to the pin trading club scholarship chairman named below by *March 1*, 2026.

We encourage all graduating seniors who are children or grandchildren of a Lions member as well as those who are active participants in a Leo Clubs, to apply for this exciting opportunity in the Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC) Scholarship Program.

PDG Jason Radmann - PTCP
Name of Pin Trading Club Scholarship Chairman

Contact Information: EMail - lionjasonradmann@gmail.com



NEPA Lions Service Foundation Grants



Our Foundation provides resources, financial assistance, and education to 37 Counties in Pennsylvania through Local Lions Clubs.

We serve the following Lions' Districts in Pennsylvania: C-D-G-H-K-L-T-U-W.

The Vision or Hearing Impaired

Provide grants to those in need of financial assistance to afford the latest medical technology & treatment

Advocate for improved access and services for those with vision or hearing impairment

Connect individuals with organizations and businesses that can help them receive treatment & independence

Communities in Our Service Area

Educate the public on the topics of eyesight preservation, tissue donation, regular screenings, eyesight safety, and the special needs of those with visual or Hearing Impairment

Provide Grants to Achieve Goals for Individuals and Organizations

Provide grants to Occupational, Physical and Rehabilitation Therapists

Provide Grants to Organizations to continue assisting those in need.

For More Information: wwwNEPALSF.org NEPA Lions Service Foundation

P.O. Box 415, Macungie, PA 18062 484-763-4458

Visit online for more information by clicking **HERE**



Blue Ridge Leo
Club collected
about 2000
items to donate
to Feed A Friend
in Montrose!





Annual Christmas Party/Toy Collection



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

(a) Tunkhannock Moose Lodge (813 Hunter Highway, Tunkhannock, Upstairs out back)



\$15.00 PER PERSON PLUS AN UNWRAPPED CHILD'S TOY Free For children 12 yrs. & under

> All Toys Collected Are Donated To **Cops for Kids, Wyoming County**



SPONSORED BY THE TUNKHANNOCK LIONS CLUB



6:00 PM TO 6:30 PM-Social Time

(Appetizers, Soda & Coffee Provided)

6:30 PM- Dinner (Homemade Chicken & Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable & Desserts)





PLEASE CALL & RSVP TO:

PDG Butch & Josie Sands 570-836-1205 Dale Wilsey 570-836-6208

Dunmore Lions Club



Pictured L-R: Lions Club Members-Barry Lindemuth, Michael Colangelo, Sam Sebastianelli, Sean Colangelo, Gino Tempesta, Dana Lindemuth, Jim Colangelo, and Myron Fedor

Pictured L-R: Barry Lindemuth, Maren Lindemuth, Marion Jimmie, Dana Lindemuth, Anna Jimmie and daughter Violet, Gavin Lindemuth, Suzanne Jimmie and TJ Jimmie

The Dunmore Lions Club dedicated a new bench in the borough along East Drinker Street on Saturday. The bench was donated by the Jimmie Family in memory Thomas J. Jimmie, Sr.

Tom was a long-time member of the Dunmore Lions Club, Past-President, chair of its 5K race over the years, and community advocate.

This was the first bench of seven to be dedicated in the borough as club prepares for its 75th Anniversary. Three more benches have recently been donated.

If interested in donating to this cause, contact Jim Colangelo, President at 570-466-5058 or email at DunmoreLions@gmail.com





New bench along East Drinker street



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

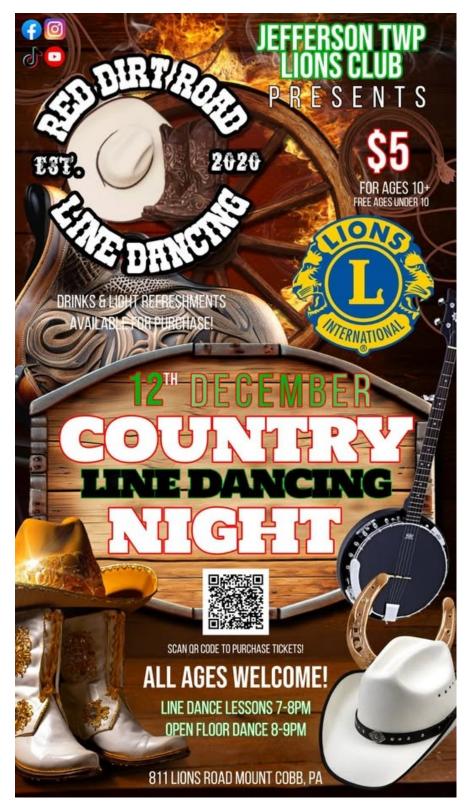
HAWLEY

PICK UP CAN BE ARRANGED FOR LARGE QUANTITIES

Contact

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

020821 - 123



Grab your boots & join us for a night of fun, friends, & country line dancing! Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a total beginner, this is your chance to dust off those boots, kick up your heels, & learn some moves.

Date: Friday December 12th

Time: 7-9pm

Location: Jefferson Twp. Lions Club -

Banquet Hall

\$5 Admission Fee for 10+ yrs of age

FREE for under 10 yrs old

ALL ages welcome!

Use the QR code in the picture to register or you can pay at the door!

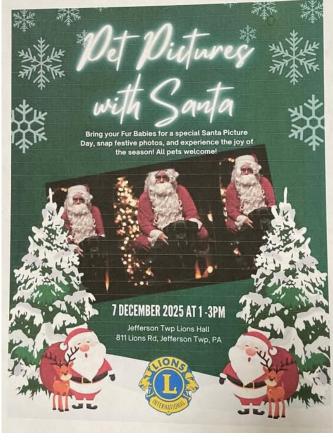


Jefferson Township Lions Club









Falls Lions Club

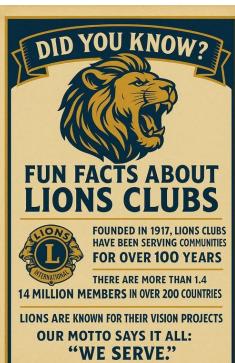
On November 18, 2025: Falls Lions officers were installed.

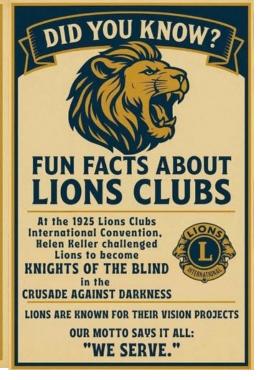












Minisink Lions Club

During the District Governor's annual visit at the VFW Daleville, DG Shirley Skinner presented a Certificate of Appreciation, signed by Past International President Fabricio Oliveira, to PP Joe Pierangeli for being part of Mission 1.5 during his Club Presidency. The Club gained 3 new members also thanks to Sponsor Scott Lenzer who will receive a Membership Key for his efforts.



Prior to the Thanksgiving Holiday the Lions Club partnered with ShopRite of Daleville for a Secret Santa Gift Card Giveaway. The Club purchased 50 Gift Cards to randomly give away on 2 separate occasions at ShopRite. The Shoppers were more than happy to receive a little extra help with their Holiday Dinners. One of the happy Shoppers to receive a Gift Card is pictured with North Pocono Minisink Lions President Joe Sabie and Past President Joe Pierangeli. (Photo taken by Lion 1st VP Tony Seidita).



Holiday Raffle Kickoff

The Lions Club Holiday Calendar raffle starts on November 27, 2025 with a \$200 prize for the daily evening Pick 3 number.

Thank you to all Lions Clubs members who supported our Fundraiser. Good Luck!

Scott Township Lions Club

The Scott Township Chicken Barbeque Sale was held on Saturday, October 25th. Over 300 delicious dinners cooked, packaged and sold.



Pictured above L-R: Lion Chris Holgate, Lion Dave Makala, friend of the Lions Becky Keen, Lion Barb Taylor, friend of the Lions Brian Keen.



District 14-H Lions Clubs by the numbers

Abington – 27

Benton Township – 16

Blakely/Peckville - 12

Dalton—11

Dunmore – 27

Eynon/Archbald - 64

Falls – 23

Forest City - 16

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 - 15

Tunkhannock - 22

Waymart - 18

Total = 609 (down 4)

Note: Club membership numbers are current as of November 11th, 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