

*Northeast Lion  
District 14H  
Monthly Newsletter*

*March, 2026*



**District 14H, Cabinet #3 Meeting: 3/8/26 - 1pm at the Honesdale Golf Club -**

(See more details page 3 of this newsletter; see last month's newsletter for the meeting notes from Cabinet meeting #2 to be reviewed/approved )

**District 14H Convention: 4/19/26—at the Best Western in Clarks Summit PA**

**STATE LIONS CONVENTION: 5/15/26—5/17/26 -**

This year's State Convention will be held at the Kovalchic Center in Indiana, PA. Click [HERE](#) for more information. **RESERVE YOUR HOTEL EARLY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BLOCKS OF ROOMS SECURED BY THE DISTRICT 14M CONVENTION HOST COMMITTEE—cut off date for contract rates is April 14, 2026.** Conference registration forms are due by April 21st.

***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,***

Our District Meeting is March 8th in Honesdale. Our service project is **collecting non-perishable food items**. If you would like to give but can not make the meeting let us know. Many people need our help.

Spring is right around the corner. The St. Patrick's Day parade is on March 14th in Scranton. PDG Butch will have his truck for those who wish to ride. Bring your club banner to show off.

District 14 H convention will be April 19th at the Best Western in Clarks Summit. Our district service project will be collecting new pajama's for newborn's to 18 year olds. These will be going to child and youth services.

Remember to post on the portal the activities you have been doing. This helps LCIF receive grants for the disaster relief fund. This also helps others with ideas for events in their clubs. There is lots of help out there for using the portal. First you need to sign on to the portal and give your email address. LCI member services are always a big help getting you signed on and setting up your officers and members. New officers 2026-2027 will need to be posted soon. It is important to keep your information current. Member services can be reached at 630-468-6900.

I want to thank PDG Fran Stepkovitch for helping with the Dunmore Club visit, while my husband was in the hospital. Sometimes you just find it hard to be in two places at one time. Joe is home healing.

The Pa. State Convention is in Indiana, Pa. May 14th to the 16th. I have the information if you are interested in going. Let me know. Looking for zone chairs for next year. This helps if you think you may be interested in moving up to district leadership. Lots of great people out there to meet and share ideas with.

***Together We Can***

***DG Shirley Skinner***

***sasskinner@comcast.net***



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

**March 8, 2026: food collection—District meeting at Honesdale Golf Club, 1pm**



**District Meeting—March 8th, beginning at 1pm, at the Honesdale Golf Club:**

**172 Golf Hill Road, Honesdale, PA 18431**

The Buffet will consist of Chicken Marsala, Salmon, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Green Beans, Pesto Pasta, tossed Salad, Rolls/Butter, Dessert, Coffee/Tea/Soft Drinks. **Cost of the meal is \$35.00.**

We can also bring our favorite desserts.

Don't forget the service project is **nonperishable food for the food pantries**. Bring with you or make arrangements with Lion John Stubborn for a drop off.

**Please RSVP by March 4th** to:

Lion Bev Bernoske, 570-430-4770, bbernoske@gmail.com or

DG Shirley Skinner at 570-587-2073, sasskinner@comcast.net.

***All Lions are invited !!***

***come and learn more about our district and meet Lions from other clubs***

## **Don't Forget to Register for LDUN (Lions Day with the United Nations) 2026:**

**Friday, March 20, 2026**

New York, New York, USA

This event and supporting materials will be offered in English only.

Don't miss your chance to participate in the 2026 Lions Day with the United Nations in New York City, USA. We will explore how Lions and Leos are working together with the United Nations with a special extended program.

***REGISTER NOW!***

***Please let Cathy Metschulat know if you are interested in going:  
c.metschulat@outlook.com or (570) 504-6261***



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

**Dear Lion,**

When you join Lions, you may focus on how you will give back to others through service. What you may not immediately realize is how much Lions gives back to you. Becoming a Lion opens the door to experiencing more — more belonging, more purpose, more leadership and more community.

Lions is not only the world's largest and best service organization; it's a way of life. As a Lion, you grow as an individual while discovering how your unique talents and passions can make a real difference in the world. Lions is your place to shine.

Remember, every one of you is needed, important and valued. Thank you for all you do, and I look forward to seeing how you continue to grow on your Lions journey.

Together in service,

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

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



## Dear Lions and Leos,

Lions and Leos around the world inspire others through service and generosity that bring meaningful change to people and communities, locally and globally, empowered by LCIF grants and programs.

This month's newsletter highlights that impact, including:

- A Lions blog post sharing 10 reasons to give to LCIF, inspired by the successful Melvin Jones birthday fundraising campaign
- LCIF's 2024-2025 Annual Report showcasing what your support makes possible
- A powerful video featuring the impact of LCIF's partnership with Texas Children's Global HOPE program

Thank you for leading with compassion and purpose. With your continued support, we can reach even more people in need and expand the life-changing impact of Lions' and Leos' service worldwide.

**At your service,**

**Fabrício Oliveira, LCIF Chairperson**

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



# 14H District Project—Calling all clubs!

All members can help—donate some new pajamas



# Pajama Drive

**Northeast Lions District 14H**

supporting

**Children & Youth Services**

**(Foster Care)**

*of our District 14H Counties*

**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](mailto:sthubborn@msn.com)

*Lots of time to look for some good pajama sales!*



**We Serve**

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

# From Days Gone By ... complements of PDG Joe Skinner



## A DEDICATED LION



Lion Joseph L. Wroblewski is a member of the Ashley Lions Club, District 14-H Luzerne County, Northeastern Pa. In his 21 years of Lionism, Lion Joe held the various club offices and was club president in 1963-1964. He presently is serving actively on his club's board of directors. He has served the district as zone chairman, deputy district governor, chairman of several district programs, editor-publisher of the district newspaper for two years, and district governor 1967-68. He hosted the state of Pennsylvania Lions Convention held in Scranton, Penna. in 1966 so remarkably that 14-H was given the name "Congeniality District." Lion Joe attended all of the District 14-H conventions and eight of the inter-

national conventions as an appointed delegate. He also attended many of the state of Penna. Lions council meetings throughout the years. Lion Joe is recipient of the club's "Lion of The Year Award," International's 100% District Governors Award, Advancement Key Award and Extension Award. He has 20 years of continuous perfect attendance and a creditable record of devotion to the ideals of Lionism by his demonstrated exemplary and conscientious dedication. He has served willingly and effectively for the incumbent governors who had assigned him to special district projects. His fluency as a speaker has kept him in demand for the numerous speaking engagements at club, regional and district levels.

## JOIN THE FUN: MARCH IN THE SCRANTON St. Patrick's Day Parade

**Get ready!** Join your District 14H, bring signs for your club and we can march together and have fun too

**March 14th**, we line up on Mulberry and Penn Ave 10:30-11am. Contact Butch Tunkhan-nock lions or Nate Jefferson twp lions or Fran Eynon Archbald for more info.

Come out and meet your fellow lions, you can walk or ride our float. We had a great time last year (photo below from last year)



## Lions International Environmental Week Of Service is April 18th—April 26th.

**Start planning now, to join clubs around  
the world to focus on this area.**

Visit the Lions Portal [HERE](#) for environmental  
project ideas



### Environment Weeks of Service April 18-26, 2026



- Tree Planting and Tree Care
- Environmental Cleanup and Restoration
- Recycling and Waste Management
- Environmental Awareness and Education

## Dunmore Lions Club

**Easter Egg Hunt Committee Members** of the Dunmore Lions Club, Dunmore Rotary, Dunmore Police Department and Dunmore Fire Department met recently for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4th 10AM at St. Anthony's Playground, Hill and Cooney Streets. Ages 11 and younger



Pictured above, L-R: Tom Cola, Fire Chief Christopher DeNaples, Rick Sabato, Sam Sebastianelli, Michael Igoe, Larry Waters, Michael Colangelo, and Jim Colangelo



**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
AGES 11 & YOUNGER  
Meet the Easter Bunny

4 APRIL, 2026 @ 10 A.M. **FREE ENTRY**

**JOIN US AT ST. ANTHONY'S PLAYGROUND  
COONEY & HILL STREET IN DUNMORE**

## Dunmore Lions Club

Dunmore Lions Club Intra Borough Boys Basketball Championship Game between Dunmore and Holy Cross High Schools was held on Thursday, February 5th at Dunmore High School. The Dunmore Lions Club sponsors the game to help defray their College Scholarship Program which is now in its 45th year. This year the Dunmore Bucks defeated the Holy Cross Crusaders by a score of 88 to 61. Pictured are both teams.



## Dunmore Lions Club

Dunmore Lions Club Intra Borough Girls Basketball Championship Game between Dunmore and Holy Cross High Schools was held on Friday, February 6 at Holy Cross High School. The Dunmore Lions Club sponsors the game to help defray their College Scholarship Program which is now in its 45th year. This year the Dunmore Bucks defeated the Holy Cross Crusaders by a score of 56-38. Pictured are both teams.



## Dunmore Lions Club

The Dunmore Lions Club held its February dinner meeting Thursday, February 26th at Carmella's in Dunmore. The club welcomed Past-District Governor Fran Stepkovitch who greeted our group, announced various upcoming events and awarded Lions International Chevron Awards.



Lion Jim Colangelo offering remarks



Chevron Award for Lion James Colangelo  
-55 years



Chevron Award for Lion James Aita-50 years, posthumously presented to his wife, Elaine Aita



Chevron Award for Lion Angelo Martarano  
-35 years

## Eynon Archbald Lions Club

Eynon Archbald Lions Club Committee - Snowflake Gala at Fiorelli's on 1/24/26:



**Front L-R:** Treasurer Maureen Kresge, Stand-In Secretary Peggy DeVivo-Kubash, President & Past District Governor Fran Stepkovitch, Secretary Cathy Gillette, Lee Galovic

**Rear L-R:** Karen Rapoch, Lion Tamer Jamie Kresge, Gloria Dulski, Arrgenia Seymore, Past District Governor Pam Savitski, Tail Twister Jack Kubash, Vice President Erin Owen, Paula Turpack

Absent Committee member Shirley Barrett



# Eynon Archbald Lions Club

Snowflake Gala at Fiorelli's on 1/24/26



# Who are the Lions?

The Hawley Lake Wallenpaupack Lions Club's (Hawley Lions) first priority is to provide free eye exams and glasses to those financially challenged in our community. In the last few years we have embarked on a similar program for hearing aids. We also support our local food pantries, Beacon Lodge for the Blind, Leader Dog Program, and collect used glasses to be recycled and more.

The Hawley Lions are a local part of district, state, national, and international Lions.

For more info about the Hawley Lions,  
call Judy Potratz (570-493-2100) or judypotratz@gmail.com

*Recruiting for your club?*

See "Recruitment made simple": steps and success stories on the [LIONS INTERNATIONAL WEB SITE](#)



## Honesdale Lions Club

At our February 2026 Honesdale Club meeting, we added three new club members: Curtis Sampson, Noelle Mundy and Brock Bellinger.

Pictured to the right is our club President Tiffany Rogers performing the new member induction ceremony for Noelle Mundy and Brock Bellinger, with sponsor Al Baerenklau on the far right.

Tiffany was the sponsor for Noelle and Al Baerenklau sponsored Brock.



Highway Cleanup: Club President Tiffany Rogers is leading our Highway Cleanup which is currently scheduled for Sunday April 19th, 2025, on Route 191 for the stretch of road located between Dirlam Brothers Lumber and CVS in Honesdale.

We continue to have strong eyeglass collections with 153 pairs collected for January 2026.

In 2025, the Honesdale Club collected nearly 2200 pairs over the course of the year.



*Donate Blood*

**IN MEMORY OF  
Sal Giglio**



**Remembering Sal Giglio for his devotion and years of  
contribution to the Wayne County Community**

**Community Blood Drive  
Sponsored by the Honesdale Lions Club**

**Wayne County Park Street Complex  
648 Park St – Honesdale**

**Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026  
1:00pm – 6:00pm**

**For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use  
Sponsor Code: Wayne County, or scan the QR Code below:**



Donors must wait 56 days between blood donations for whole blood. To donate at this  
blood drive your last blood donation must be on or before April 7, 2026



## Jefferson Township Lions Club

**JEFFERSON TWP. LIONS**  
**FRIDAY LENTEN DINNERS**

LIONS HALL, LIONS ROAD, JEFFERSON TWP., PA 18436  
FROM 5 PM to 7 PM

**ONLY THE 4 WEEKS IN MARCH**

<b>MARCH</b>	<b>6, 2026</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>13, 2026</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>20, 2026</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>27, 2026</b>

**CHOICES INCLUDE:**  
BEER BATTERED FISH AND FRIES, COLE SLAW, AND DESSERT  
MARKET FRESH FISH, BAKED POTATO, CARROTS, AND DESSERT  
EXTRAS: FRIED SHRIMP, PIEROGIES A LA CART  
ALL DINNERS COME WITH DRINKS-WATER, SODA, TEA, OR COFFEE

ALL AT REASONABLE PRICES  
**EAT IN OR TAKE-OUT**

**WING SALE**  
— FUNDRAISER —

Saturday, 4/25/26  
Pickup 1–3 PM at Jefferson Township Lion's Club  
PRE-ORDERS ONLY • CASH, CHECK, VENMO

**ORDER OPTIONS**

1/2 PAN – \$60 BONELESS – \$70	FULL PAN – \$110 BONELESS – \$120
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**ORDER HERE**  
Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to order.

ORDER OF 10 BONE-IN – \$13  
ORDER OF 10 BONELESS – \$14

**SAUCES**

- Mild
- Hot
- Honey Mustard
- Bourbon

CELERY & BLEU CHEESE – \$2

Benefiting the Jefferson Township Little League Dugout Project

## Minisink Lions Club

The North Pocono Minisink Lions Club held their 2nd bi-monthly meeting on Feb. 19, 2026. The meeting included a presentation of a LCI Membership Key Award pin to a 2nd Club Member within 2 months. **Lion Tony Seidita was presented with his LCI Membership Award** by Lion Ron Donati (Tony's Sponsor) for Sponsoring 2 new Club Members. The meeting event took place at VFW Post 5207 in Daleville.



## *Minisink Lions Club*

### **AI African Safari:**

This is from last year when Joe Pierangeli PP passed the gavel to Joe Sabie our current Pres. That's Jim Strempek on the right.

(Note from your editor: a fun picture that is much safer than the real thing!)



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## *Scott Township Lions Club*



The Scott Lions are saddened to report the passing of Lion Donna Scagliotti, wife of PDG Gene Scagliotti. We thank PDG Joe Skinner for leading a Service of Lions Memorial, which several club members were able to participate in.

You can view Donna's obituary by clicking [HERE](#)





**Sight and Hearing Committee Minutes November  
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DISTRICT 14-H Sight & Hearing Committee  
Minutes November 13th, 2025 ~ ~ Hosted by Tunkhannock Lions  
at Todd & Rachel's in Tunkhannock, PA

PRESENT: DG Shirley Skinner, PDG Butch Sands, Lion Josie Sands, PDG Joe Skinner, PDG Bill Metschulat, PDG Cathy Metschulat, Lion Barbara Taylor, Lion Liz Naylor, Lion Alan Naylor, IPDG Sandy Thubborn, Lion John Thubborn, Lion Beverly Poole, Lion Timothy Poole, Lion Chris Hofmeister, Lion Elizabeth Hofmeister

PDG Butch Sands opened the meeting at 6:30pm, by welcoming everyone, thanks to my club Tunkhannock Lions for hosting and lead the Pledge of Allegiance, thank you for coming and appreciate all you do, glad you are here and enjoy.

- BREAK FOR FOOD -

The minutes of the last meeting were passed around, in newsletter & asked if reviewed. A motion was made by PDG Cathy Metschulat, and seconded by PDG Joe Skinner - no-one opposed, so carried.

-- **Hearing Treasurer's report:** PDG Karen Cokely (absent)  
Opening/Closing Balance is - \$2,795.25 NO CHANGES

No correspondence, applications or bills.

- **Sight Treasurer's report:** Lion Barbara Taylor  
Opening/Closing Balance is \$11,420.19

Sending check Riker Higgins \$99.00 (Northeast Eye, A brother of Ricker needs glasses, CHIP only pays 1/2 of glasses so PDG Cathy Mestchulat made a motion to pay the \$99.00, IPDG Sandy Thubborn seconded, all in favor, no-one opposed, so carried. From New Milford, questions were asked on whether they are in different county, Lion Barbara will send check.

\$11,321.19 Closing Balance

No other correspondence, applications or bills.

- OLD BUSINESS -

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

- NEW BUSINESS -

IPDG Sandy asked about cell phones. She tried Women's Resource Center, but couldn't get ahold of anyone. She is going to check on vending machines to recycle them for cash. Lion Bev Poole stated you plug phone in and it values the phone, you get a slip to take to customer service.



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PDG Cathy Metschulat stated Dickson City Walmart collects used eyeglasses, Don Lombard picks them up. PDG Cathy tried to get him to take some of clubs eyeglasses, but he gave them back. PDG Cathy also talked about whether to have Sight Hearing meeting in November in Tunkhannock. It is very poorly attended and only 7 from district and 8 from Tunkhannock club. Will discuss further in March for schedule for meetings, may omit November or different one(s).

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

2026 MEETINGS - March 12th hosted by Scott Twp Lions (All held on the second Thursday of the month). 6:30pm start, Watch emails for changes or updates

**EYEGASSES / HEARING AIDS**

**MINISINK** - 168 eyeglasses for recycling, 16 sunglasses, 6 children’s eyeglasses, 1 box scrap parts (no lenses)

**BLAKELY PECKVILLE** - 94 eyeglasses, 11 sunglasses, 8 children’s eyeglasses

**ABINGTON** - 68 eyeglasses, 26 sunglasses, 5 cell phones, 4 pairs of hearing aids

**SCOTT TWP** - 70 eyeglasses

**PDG Comments -**

**DG Shirley** - Next cabinet meeting is March 8th in Honesdale, (Honesdale Golf Club) bring a non perishable food item, will be distributed to 5 counties. April 19th is the District Convention and we will be collecting pajamas for displaced children.

**IPDG Sandy** - Thank you Tunkhannock Lions for hosting, I loved Lion Liz Naylor pumpkin bars.

**PDG Cathy** - Thank you Tunkhannock, I apologize for getting off track, I always enjoy our meetings together.

**PDG Butch** - Thank you for coming.

**PDG Joe** - looking forward to Christmas at Moose Lodge with Tunkhannock lions. Abington is putting up a \$39,000 playground.

**PDG Bill** - Thank you to everyone for helping with the disaster relief boxes at the cabinet meeting. Jefferson club is holding the 48 boxes, we are looking for a place to keep them, we will check with Lions Gordie and Judy.

**- 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** - 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).

**ABINGTON** - working on playground project

**\* \* \*No further business, PDG Butch again thanked Tunkhannock Lions for hosting the meeting, see you in March on the 12th, 2026 hosted by Scott Twp Lions at Joe Terry, 1038 Mondale Rd, Scott 18447 at 6:30pm, always nice getting together and being social with all lions, we are like a family, PDG Cathy Metschulat made a motion to adjourn, Lion Tim Poole seconded, all in favor, no-one opposed, so carried.**

Minutes submitted by Secretary Fran Stepkovitch (absent)

## District 14-H Lions Clubs by the numbers

Abington – 27	Mayfield – 14
Benton Township – 16	Minisink – 23
Blakely/Peckville - 12	Minooka - 35
Dalton—12	Montrose - 35
Dunmore – 26	Old Forge - 19
Eynon/Archbald - 64	Olyphant - 27
Falls – 22	Scott Township - 32
Forest City – 16	Scranton - 15
Hawley/Lake Wallenpaupack – 10	South Abington - 6
Honesdale – 62	Stone Bridge/Susquehanna - 18
Jefferson Township – 24	Taylor - 14
Jessup – 16	Tunkhannock - 22
Lake Ariel – 14	Waymart – 14

***Note: Club membership numbers are current as of the end of January, 2026 .***

***Total = 595 (down 8, from last month)***



**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**