

Northeast Lion District 14H Monthly Newsletter

April, 2026



*Dunmore Club Event
On April 4th*



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

Please RSVP by April 10th to bbernoske@gmail.com

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—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,

Wishing everyone a Happy Easter. Waiting for the warmer weather and spring flowers.

I want to Thank you all for the food donations at the district meeting. There was a lot of food. Each county went away with about 15 boxes. We helped a lot of people.

The district convention is right around the corner. Sunday, April 19th, 5 – 9 pm., at the Best Western in Clarks Summit. Our service project is pajamas for Children, infants to 18 years old. These will go to the child and youth services in our four counties.

The year is passing very quickly. I still have club visits scheduled. I will be reaching out to clubs that I already visited but have chevrons for.

Planning is under way for training on filling out applications for grants. The NEPA lions service foundation and the Pa. lions service foundation have money available for special projects to help your community. The hard part is the additional information you should present with the application to make the process easier. We don't know if we don't ask.

There are still lions having trouble with the portal. We need to address this. The new year is starting soon, and club officers need to be posted in June. Or member services will have to help get the officers back online. Please check your members, there are clubs still paying for non-members.

The time and place for the 4th district meeting will be announced soon.

Together We Can
DG Shirley Skinner
sasskinner@comcast.net



District 14-H Annual District Convention
April 19th from 5PM until 9PM - Please RSVP

You are cordially invited to the 2026 District 14-H Convention to be held at the **Best Western Plus, 820 Northern Boulevard, Clarks Summit, PA 18411, on Sunday April 19, 2026, from 5PM until 9PM.**

Registration begins at 5pm, Basket Raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets will be sold, and a cash bar will be available. **The Business Meeting begins promptly at 5:30pm.** A buffet dinner will be held beginning at approximately 6PM, followed by the balance of the business meeting.

Our Keynote speaker will be PCC Dr. Linda Zaneski. Linda became a lion in 2003 and has served several terms as Club President, Vice President, Secretary and Leo Club Advisor, followed by Zone Chairperson, District Governor and Council Chair. Linda holds a Doctor of Nursing degree, Masters in Healthcare Administration and Nursing, Bachelors in Nursing, and Gerontological Nurse and Case Management Certifications.

The buffet dinner will begin at 6PM and will cost \$45.00 per person. Please make checks payable to District 14-H and note District Convention on the memo line. Mail reservations along with payment to District Treasurer Lion Bev Bernoske, 164 White Road, Jermyn, PA 18433. Deadline for reservations is [April 10th, 2026](#). Please advise of any dietary restrictions.

We are asking for Raffle Baskets from each club to help defray costs. All basket donations will be greatly appreciated. The only restriction for the baskets: they may not contain alcoholic beverages. Gift cards are allowed in place of the alcohol.

If possible, please bring raffle baskets early, you can drop them off 4:30PM on the day of the convention. **Let PDG Fran Stepkovitch at fran623@comcast.net or (570) 470-7838 know if you are able to provide a basket.**

Dress for the convention is business attire.

If you have any questions, please contact PDG Cathy Metschulat, Convention Chair, at c.metschulat@outlook.com or at (570) 504-6261.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the District 14-H Convention.

Thank you,

Shirley Skinner

DG Shirley Skinner



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

Dear Lion,

From the very beginning, Lions have welcomed everyone with a heart to serve — and that spirit shines especially bright when we engage younger generations. Young people bring fresh ideas, new energy and a passion for service that help keep our organization strong, relevant and growing.

To carry our mission into the next 100 years and beyond, we must continue inviting dynamic, service-minded people to stand alongside us.

Lions have a unique opportunity to grow alongside Leos through meaningful mentoring — including reverse mentoring, where young people inspire us with fresh ideas, new technologies like AI and service that speaks to their generation. By strengthening the journey from Alpha Leo to Omega Leo to Leo-Lion, and by building more family-friendly clubs, we open the door for younger neighbors, friends and families to join us in a lifetime of service.

The future of Lions is not ahead of us — it is already here, in the hands of the young. Together, across generations, we can continue to serve our communities — and the world — with purpose, compassion and love.

Together in service,

A.P. Singh
International President

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



Dear Lions and Leos,

Thank you to everyone who supported the LCIF Melvin Jones Birthday Campaign and championed the effort to bring new donors to our global foundation. Your support helped us achieve our US\$2 million goal and increased awareness of the powerful role LCIF plays in strengthening our service.

This month's newsletter showcases just a few examples of your support changing lives, including:

- A video highlighting Lions delivering long-term recovery after a devastating earthquake
- A guest blog from our partner, The Carter Center, sharing how collaboration expands our reach and deepens our impact

It's not too late to help LCIF reach its larger fundraising goals this Lion year.

Your [continued support](#) ensures Lions and Leos can sustain life-changing service worldwide.

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira, LCIF Chairperson

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

District 14-H at THE SCRANTON St. Patrick's Day Parade: 3/14/2026





PA Lions...**"START YOUR ENGINES".....**

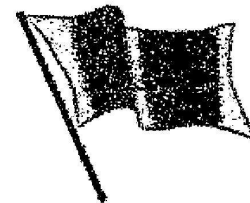
The 90 day race to the finish is underway!

District Governors.....



For every new member a club in your District enters into the portal during the months of April, May, and June 2026, you will get one lap around the MD-14 Track. The club in each zone with the most new members, during this period, in a district by the end of June will receive a banner patch; the Zone Chair of the winning zone will win a Mission 1.5 Growth Pin. The District with the most laps on June 30th wins the race!

Banner patches, awards, and bragging rights await you in Victory Lane!



And we are off.....



Benton Township Lions Club



1255 Commerce BLVD Dickson City, PA 18519

You're Invited!

Come Support

Benton Township Lions Club

**Wednesday, April 15th
3pm – 10pm**

Present this Flyer and **10%** of your food purchase
will go back to the group.

This invitation is not to be handed out the day of the event!
If you have any questions please reach out to
Erin Zablocki at 88marketing@texasroadhouse.com

**10% DONATION
NIGHT**



Dunmore Lions Club

The Dunmore Lions Club **dedicated a new bench in the borough along South Blakely Street.** The bench was donated by the Carra Family in memory of Joseph P. Carra, Sr.

Joseph’s wife, Lois and grandchildren, Tyler and Alyssa dedicated the bench with members of the Lions Club and is was one of several to be dedicated in the borough as the club prepares for its 75th Anniversary.



Above: Members of the Carra Family Pictured L-R: Tyler Bielinski, Lois Carra, Alyssa Bielinski, and Caleb Klemick



Above, pictured with Lions Club Members: Seated L-R: Lois Carra and Alyssa Bielinski; Standing L-R: Sean Colangelo, Michael Colangelo, Tyler Bielinski, Jim Colangelo, Renee Iezzi, and Myron Fedor

The Dunmore Lions Club **dedicated a new bench in the borough along East Drinker Street.** The bench was donated by the Cali Family in memory Thomas Cali.

Tom was a long-time member of the Dunmore Lions Club, Past District Governor District 14-H 1974-1975, Dunmore businessman, and community advocate.



Above, members of the Cali Family: L-R: Jay Cali, Ryan Cali, Siena Cali, Liana Cali, Justine Cali, Mary Preate, Joey Preate, Guy Cali, Madeline Wasco, Maria Cali, Michael Cali, and Ginger Resciniti



Above: Dunmore Lions Club members with Tom Cali’s children. L-R: Jay Cali, Sean Colangelo, Sam Sebastianelli, Maria Cali, Michael Cali, and Michael Colangelo

Eynon Archbald Lions Club

Eynon Archbald Lions club held their 15th annual Easter Egg Hunt with Archbald Community Ambulance & Rescue on 3/28.



Above, L-R front: Lion Yilma Flores, Lion Sally Spudis, Easter Bunny, Lion Angie Apostolaros, President Fran Stepkovich, Vice President Erin Owen. Standing L-R Lion Louis Rapoch, Lion Julie Calabro, Lion Shirley Barrett, Membership Chair Lori Compton, Lion Karen Rapoch, Tail Twister Jack Kubash, Assistant Secretary Peggy DeVivo Kubash, Lion Walt Snyder, Lion Lee Galovic, Secretary Cathy Gillette, Treasurer Maureen Kresge, Lion Tamer Jamie Kresge, Jerry Gillette



Above, Archbald Fire & Rescue L-R: Chief Trently, Rich Ercole, Mike Dinning, Jonathan Coyne, Adam Hess, Kieran Trently, Emelia Torda, Barb Dasilva, Aiden Swingle, Camryn Tracewski, Hailey Boshman, Riley Boshman. Kneeling - Jerry Trently & Willow Trently

Eynon Archbald Lions Club

Eynon Archbald Lions club 15th annual Easter Egg Hunt with Archbald Community Ambulance & Rescue



Easter Bonnet contest L-R: Anna Shaffer, Madison Burns, Milani Fisher (winner), Sophia Zembrzycki, Sarah Zembrzycki, standing Aubrey Klinko



L-R: President Fran Stepkovitch, Lion Yilma Flores, Easter Bunny



Bike #3 winner Cataleya Strelchun, Milan Connor-Remau



Peep winner - Palmer Paone



Lions Shirley Barrett, Sally Spudis



Lions Karen & Louis Rapoch



Bike #1 winner: Amelia Zagorski



Razor Scooter winners L-R: Olivia Chandler, Jazmyn Kavanaugh



Bike #2 winner: Abregail Whitman



Winner Bike #4 L-R: Jonah Mordente, Logan Mordente (winner), Nolan Mordente & Rowen Mordente

Falls Lions Club

Falls Lions serving the community at Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen ... including the pet pantry!




Honesdale Lions Club



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.



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 2nd, 2026
1:00pm – 6:00pm

For an appointment, please visit 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



Congratulations to **Nathaniel Mills** on celebrating 10 years of membership with the Jefferson Township Lions Club!

Thank you, Nate, for your years of dedication and service to our club and our community. We appreciate all you do and are proud to celebrate this milestone with you!

Hannah Witherite, Club President, on left, congratulates District Zone Chair Lion Nate.

WING SALE FUNDRAISER
Saturday, 4/25/26
 Pickup 1-3 PM at Jefferson Township Lions 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 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

Below: Thank you all for your support for our lenten dinners. And a huge shout out to the North Pocono School District student orchestra .





CASH Bingo!

MAY 2, 2026

📍 St. Thomas Moore Parish Center
105 Gravity Rd, Lake Ariel PA

**TICKETS \$35 IN ADVANCE
\$40 AT THE DOOR**

**INCLUDES BROWN BAG LUNCH!!
(ITALIAN HOAGIE, CHIPS & A DRINK)**

*LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE

15 Regular Games: \$100

16th Game: \$1,000 

4 SPECIAL GAMES

DOORS OPEN AT: 11:45 AM

BINGO STARTS AT: 1:00 PM

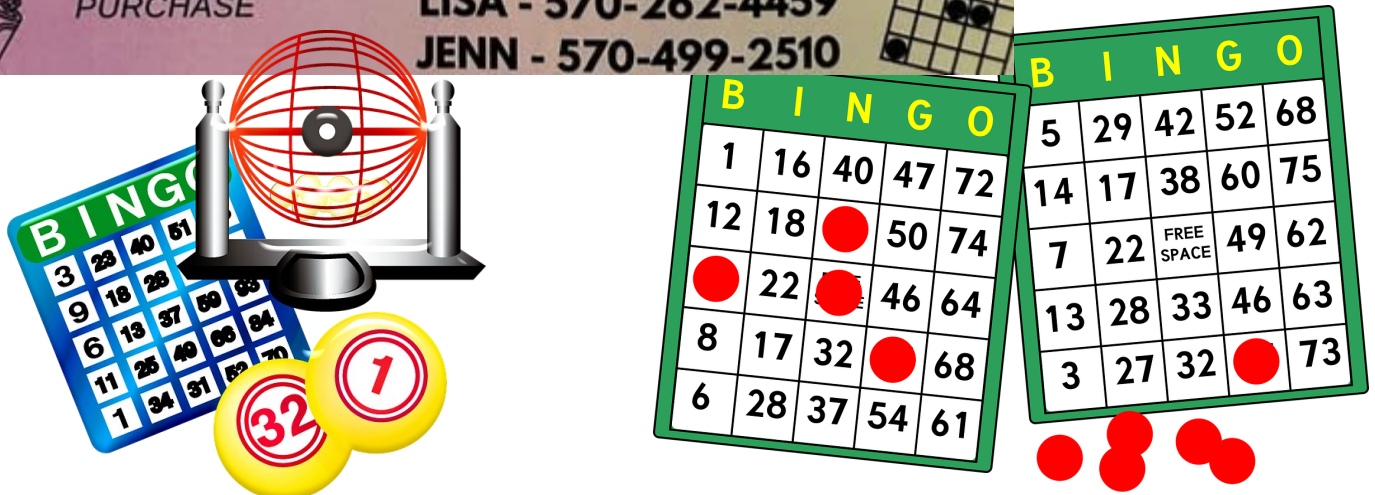
BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND LAUGHTER SUPPORTING THE LAKE ARIEL LION'S CLUB!

SNACKS & DRINKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

FOR INFO/TICKETS CALL:
LISA - 570-262-4459
JENN - 570-499-2510

B I N G O				
3	23	40	51	78
9	18	28	60	82
6	13	37	59	93
11	25	49	66	84
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B I N G O				
5	29	42	52	68
14	17	38	60	75
7	22	FREE SPACE	49	62
13	28	33	46	63
3	27	32	●	73

Mayfield Lions Club

DG Shirley Skinner congratulates **Michael Serniak** for his **Chevron Award for 50 years.**



DG Shirley Skinner presents a **Chevron Award for 35 years to Paul Natishak.**

Minisink Lions Club

It's that time of year again! We are looking for gently used bikes of any size to refurbish and distribute to needy adults and children. Pictured are some of the bikes that we gave away last year after some work. We did about double this amount. This is the 11th year for this program, and over 1600 bikes have been provided to people in need.

You can contact Joe Pierangeli at (570) 842-7031 with any questions, or bikes can be dropped off at Pocono Water on rt 435 in Covington Township. Thank you!

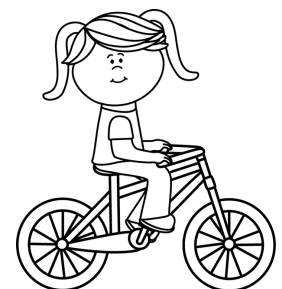
P.S. from your editor: Joe tells me that the need for bikes is very significant. For example, homeless people rely on them for transportation. If your club would like to start a similar program, Joe would be happy to provide tips, information, and a club visit to help you better understand what's involved.



Lions District 14H



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Scott Township Lions Club

The photos below were taken at the Scott Township Club meeting, held on 3/26/2026. District Governor Shirley Skinner and PDG Joe Skinner joined us at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club.



DG Shirley Skinner presents Scott Treasurer Dave Nicoteri with a Chevron Award for 20 years of service.

Photos below are for the Member Key Awards Program: which recognizes Lions who sponsor 2 or more new members that remain active for at least one year.



Robin Boyarsky (right) accepts an award from DG Shirley on behalf of Stanley Boyarsky, who sponsored 2 new members.



Bev Bernoske (right) accepts an award from DG Shirley for sponsoring 2 new members.

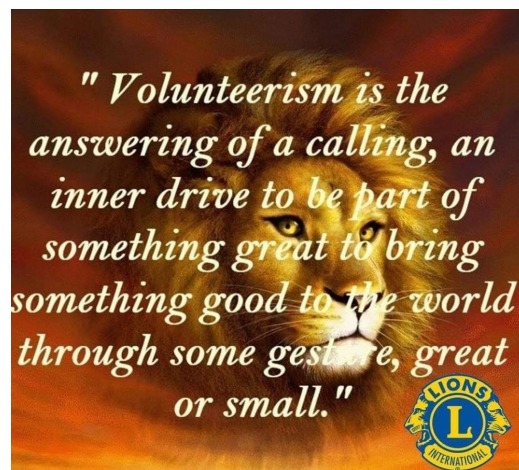
Taylor Lions Club

Taylor Lions Club donated new wheelchair to the United Baptist Church in Taylor.



Pictured from left to right: Lion John G. Thubborn Jr., Lion Matthew Thubborn, Dick Nezlo with United Baptist Church, Club President Theodore Praschak, Sandy Lindemuth with United Baptist Church, IPG and Club Secretary/Treasurer Sandy Thubborn, Membership Chairman Lion John G. Thubborn.

Photographer: Lion Amy Thubborn





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Minutes March 12th, 2026 ~ ~ Hosted by Scott Twp Lions
at Joe Terry Center, 1038 Montdale Rd Scott 18447

PRESENT: DG Shirley Skinner, PDG Butch Sands, Lion Josie Sands, PDG Joe Skinner, PDG Cathy Metschulat, Lion Barbara Taylor, IPDG Sandy Thubborn, Lion John Thubborn, PDG Karen Cokely, PDG Gene Scagliotti, Lion Judy Potratz, Lion Gordie Potratz, Lion Pat Bartleson, Lion Bev Bernoske, PDG Fran Stepkovitch, Lion Ed Stepkovitch

PDG Butch Sands opened the meeting at 6:33pm, by welcoming everyone, thanks to Scott Twp Lions for hosting and lead the Pledge of Allegiance, thank you for coming and appreciate all you do. Lion Bev Bernoske welcomed everyone, glad you are hear and looking forward to a good meeting.

- BREAK FOR FOOD -

The minutes of the last meeting were passed around, in newsletter & asked if reviewed. A motion was made by Lion Bev Bernoske, and seconded by Lion Judy Potratz, all in favor, no-one opposed, so carried.

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

No correspondence, applications or bills.

More insurances are covering hearing aids, could be why we are not receiving as many applications and veterans get them free through the VA.

A motion to accept Hearing Treasurer's report was made by IPDG Sandy Thubborn and seconded by DG Shirley Skinner, all in favor, no-one opposed, so carried.

- - **Sight Treasurer's report:** Lion Barbara Taylor
Opening Balance is \$11,321.19 -- 4 checks written, \$99, \$150 for Lauren Scott (Blakely Peckville Club), \$150 Genny Attes (Minisink Club) (Genny was very thankful and greatly appreciated the help) and &1,568 (\$784 each) for two spot camera's warranty.
Closing Balance \$9,354.19

Lion Gordie asked about the warranty, its a 2 year smart care warranty, renewed every 2 years.

No other applications, bills or correspondence.

A motion to accept Sight Treasurers report was made by PDG Joe Skinner, seconded by PDG Karen Cokely, all in favor, no-one opposed, so carried.

- OLD BUSINESS -

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

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Sight First - Clark Summit Elementary is interested in having a vision screening on 4/15, PDG Cathy has been in touch with them, PDG Fran will assist then with the 9am time frame and PDG Cathy will assist them with the 1pm screening. PDG Deb McKnight is the State MD Kidsight chair and would like all reporting to her of the screenings for the schools and day cares. She then reports all to KidSight.

PDG Don McConnell from 14U can no longer pick up eyeglasses from Dickson City WalMart, looking for someone to pick them up.

DG Cathy stated a BigThank You to PCC Mark for embroidering our protective cases for the spot cameras, he will do the last one (of our 3) no charge. We are very thankful and grateful to our PCC Mark.

Lion Gordie made a motion to put in the newsletter, any club wanting the printer, that would like to use it, it will be a first come first get. (No longer used with spot cameras).
Seconded by Lion Barbara, all in favor, no-one of opposed, so carried.

A motion made by PDG Cathy for no Hearing Sight meeting in May with State Convention being the same week, seconded by Lion Barbara, all in favor, no-one opposed.

A motion was made by PDG Karen to drop the November Hearing Sight meeting with always low attendance, seconded by Lion Judy, all in favor, no-one opposed, so carried. If a meeting is needed PDG Butch will call one.

- NEW BUSINESS -

District Convention volunteers are still needed, no voting to take place, need to make a motion to destroy ballots from last year at State Convention. Need someone to announce this, IPDG Sandy volunteered, PDG Joe will start God Bless America song, PDG Fran will help with baskets, PDG Joe & DG Shirley will do necrology. Suggested \$50 amount for any basket raffle donations.

Lion Judy made a motion to keep officer's the same for Hearing Sight Committee for new year, PDG Joe seconded, all in favor, no-one opposed, so carried.

UPCOMING MEETINGS (Tentative)

2026 MEETINGS - **April** hosted by Abington, **May** none, **June** hosted by Hawley Lake Wallenpaupack, **July** hosted by Dunmore, **August** hosted by Scranton, **Stptember** hosted by Minisink, **October** hosted by Eynon Archbald, **November** none. (All held on the second Thursday of the month). 6:30pm start, Watch emails for changes or updates.

EYEGASSES / HEARING AIDS

MINISINK - took large amount eyeglasses directly to Lions Gordie & Judy's storage

EYNON ARCHBALD - 1800+ eyeglasses, several hearing aids

ABINGTON - 69 eyeglasses, 26 sunglasses, box of pieces, 3 pairs of hearing aids

SCOTT TWP - large amount eyeglasses

JEFFERSON TWP - took 1000+ to Lions Gordie & Judy's storage

FALLS - 215 eyeglasses

TUNKHANNOCK - 203 eyeglasses, 6 sunglasses, 6 pr wrap around children's



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PDG Comments -

- **DG Shirley** - April 19th is the District Convention and we will be collecting pajamas for displaced children, will distribute to our 4 counties children & youth. State Convention 5/14-5/17 in Indiana, PA, International Convention is in Hong Kong this year. Get more new members.
- **IPDG Sandy** - Thank you Scott Twp Lions for hosting, Thank you DG Shirley for the food drive from last district meeting, dropped at food pantry and they greatly appreciated the donations.
- **PDG Cathy** - Thank you Scott Twp, we all do great work as lions. Maybe we can do a mass mailing to day cares to get more vision screenings, or we can contact children and youth in our 4 counties.
- **PDG Butch** - Thank you for coming & Thank you Scott Twp.
- **PDG Joe** - Thank you Scott Twp, nice gathering, grants are available through our foundations, look in your communities. We helped Hillside playground receive a grant, stop by and check it out. Spread the word about lions.
- **PDG Fran** - Thank you Scott Twp, if anyone knows of a day care in their community, have them contact me or I can reach out, send me their info. Thank you for all you do.
- **PDG Gene** - Thank you to all lions for your support for Donna's service.
- **PDG Karen** - Thank you Scott Twp and great desserts by Lions Barbara and Bev, careful driving back home.

- GOOD OF THE DISTRICT -

- St Patrick's Day Parade, PDG Butch is bringing the float, you can walk or ride, come by 11:30, meet on Mulberry St. Saturday 3/14, lions suits are ready if anyone wants to wear them.
- **HAWLEY LAKE WALLENPAUPACK** - Shoe drive, collecting new or slightly used shoes again if anyone wants to donate through 12/31/26.
- **JEFFERSON TWP** - Lenten dinners on Fridays in March only. Did handicap playground with sensory and did bingo. Want to help Jefferson Twp Fire Dept
- **TAYLOR** - donated wheelchair

* * ***No further business, PDG Butch again thanked Scott Twp Lions for hosting the meeting, see you in April on the 9th, 2026 hosted by Abington Lions at Clarks Summit Borough Bldg, 2nd Floor, 304 S State St, CS 18411 at 6:30pm, always nice getting together and being social with all lions, we are like a family, Lion Gordie made a motion to adjourn, PDG Cathy seconded, all in favor, no-one opposed, so carried.**

Minutes submitted by Secretary Fran Stepkovitch



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 - 60	Olyphant - 27
Falls – 22	Scott Township - 31
Forest City – 19	Scranton - 15
Hawley/Lake Wallenpaupack – 10	South Abington - 6
Honesdale – 65	Stone Bridge/Susquehanna - 20
Jefferson Township – 24	Taylor - 13
Jessup – 16	Tunkhannock - 22
Lake Ariel – 14	Waymart – 14

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

Total = 597 (up 2, 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