

*Northeast Lion
District 14H
Monthly Newsletter*

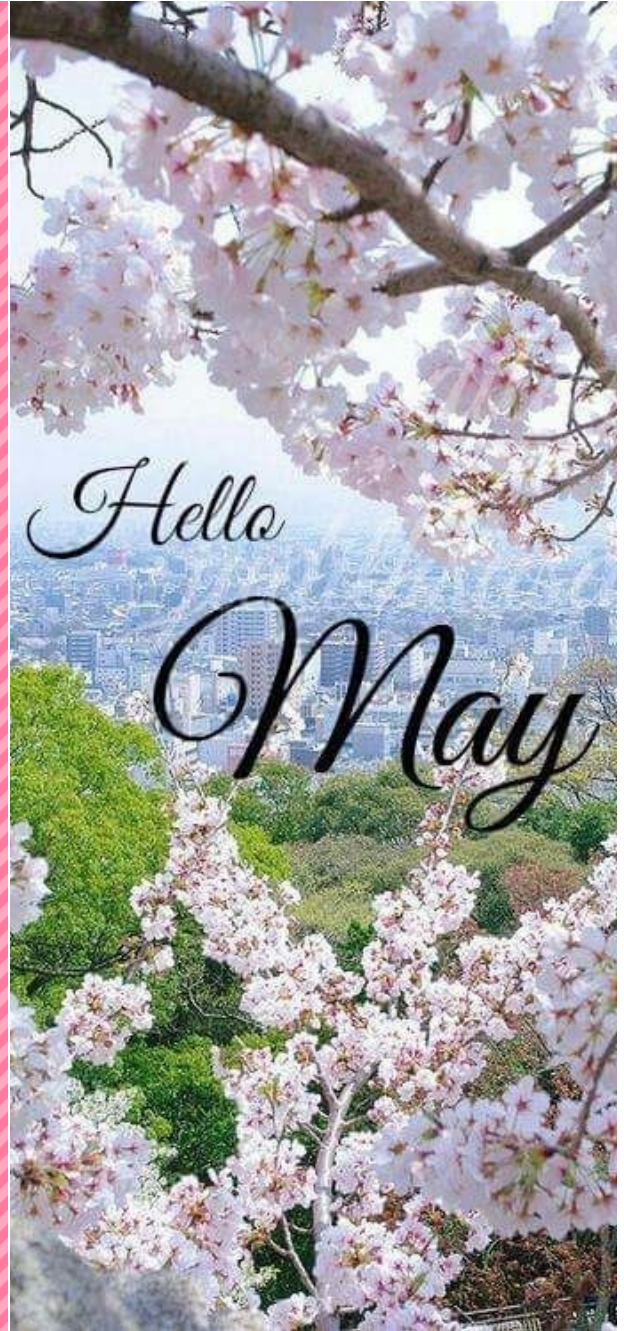
May, 2026



MAY
HOLIDAYS

- 1-May Day
- 2-Brother & Sisters Day
- 4- Kentucky Derby Day (first Saturday)
- 4-Star Wars Day
- 5-Cinco De Mayo
- 5- Ramadan (varies)
- 6-National Nurses Day
- 8- No Socks Day
- 10- Clean Up Your Room Day
- 11- Eat What You Want Day
- 12- Mother's Day (2nd Sunday)
- 15- National Chocolate Chip Day
- 17- National Bike to Work Day (3rd Friday)
- 18- Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday)
- 18-No Dirty Dishes Day
- 19- World Plant a Veggie Garden Day
- 21- Victoria Day (Canada)
- 22-National Buy A Musical instrument Day
- 23- Lucky Penny Day
- 25- National Brown Bag It Day
- 26-Sally Ride Day
- 27-Memorial Day (last Monday)
- 28-National Hamburger Day
- 30-Water a Flower Day

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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,

Thank you Lions of District 14 H for the donations of pajamas. Each county received around 125 pajamas for the Children and Youth Services. Thank You again.

Thank you to the clubs that donated raffle baskets for the District Convention. PCC Linda Zaneski was the guest speaker from District W, and she brought District Governor Lee Sikora as her driving companion.

Time to go to the Lions Portal and enter the club officers for next year. Do it after your club elections so as not to forget. The Past District Governors will be meeting soon to decide on our district leaders for next year.

Remember to get those activities entered on the portal to help the district and LCIF. Please call me if you need help or have any questions.

The district is looking for lions to be zone chairs for next year. Zone chairs visit the clubs in their zone and act as eyes and ears for the district governor. They help these clubs when they can or refer to the governor. This is not a hard job but an important one.

Looking for ideas for a service project for the last district meeting. Also, where do we donate the money collected on raffles at the district meetings. I will find an item to raffle off at the last meeting.

Have fun planting those gardens and mowing the grass.

Together We Can
DG Shirley Skinner
sasskinner@comcast.net



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

Dear Lion,

One of the greatest strengths of Lions is our global reach and support. As a Lion, you are part of an international network united by a shared commitment to service, with so many resources to support your service journey and help you make an even greater impact.

Being a Lion also opens up a world of opportunities to connect and serve with Lions around the globe in meaningful ways — by attending international events like convention and Lions Day at the United Nations (LDUN), exploring service travel opportunities, taking part in global initiatives such as our Weeks of Service and more.

We are here to help you lead, serve and thrive in your Lions journey — and when we work together, there is no limit to what Lions can achieve.

Together in service,

A.P. Singh
International President

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



Dear Lions and Leos,

In communities near and far, even in challenging times, Lions and Leos continue to step forward to serve. This month's newsletter shares how your commitment is changing lives and how you can do even more, including:

- A Lions blog story on disaster response after flooding in Southern Asia
- A video outlining key updates to the District and Club Community Impact Grant

As we approach the end of this Lion year, I'm encouraged by our fundraising progress and successful initiatives and challenges I championed that inspired more Lions to donate to our global foundation, including a special [invitation](#) to all Lions to join the Lions Legacy Society. There is still more to accomplish. Your continued support will help us reach our goal and expand our service to those who need it most, now and for years to come.

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira, LCIF Chairperson

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

LCIF MISSION:

Our mission is to empower Lions clubs, volunteers and partners to improve health and wellbeing, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian service and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

First Come, First Take!

This printer was used in the past within the District Sight and Hearing Committee. It is no longer needed.

Contact Fran Stepkovitch at fran623@comcast.net or (570)470-7838

The HP ENVY 5540 is a versatile, wireless inkjet all-in-one printer tailored for home use, capable of printing, scanning, and copying with a 2.2-inch touchscreen interface. It supports automatic two-sided printing, mobile printing via AirPrint or the HP Smart app, and features a dedicated photo tray for 4x6-inch photos.



Photos from District 14H Convention—April 19, 2026—Best Western, Clarks Summit



DG Shirley, PCC Linda Zaneski,
DG 14-W Lee Sikora



Nate Mills receives Carl Shoemaker Award



PDG Cathy Metschulat, Convention Chair



Blue Ridge Leo Layla Sinnett: Leo of the Year



Zachariah Frable awarded Distinguished Service Award

Val Riggi: 50/50 winner ➡



Barb Taylor, Bev Bernoske, Darlene Mills: awarded Certificates of Appreciation



Cabinet Secretary Joy Lewis & Zone Chair Nate Mills

In Memory of Those Who Served As District 14-H Lions April 2025-March 2026

James Anita	October, 1975
Dunmore Lions Club	
Jennifer Richard	December, 2020
Jofferson Twp. Lions Club	
Donald Chapman	August, 1999
Lake Ariel Lions Club	
John Nicolio	May, 1961
Mayfield Lions Club	
Donna Scagliotti	March, 2010
Scott Twp. Lions Club	
Jack Kuchak, JR.	April, 2022
Scranton Lions Club	



Necrology Service: PDG Joe Skinner and DG Shirley Skinner



Pajama sorters—for service project that will deliver donated pajamas to the four CNY county offices that we serve.



Basket Raffle managers: PDG Fran Stepkovitch, Preston Barrett, Josie Sands

Blue Ridge Leo Club

Sponsored by Montrose Lions Club



At the District 14H convention, we met some amazing Blue Ridge Leos.

DG Shirley Skinner presented Blue Ridge Leo Layla Sinnett with the Leo of the year award.

Congratulations Layla!

Click [HERE](#) to see photos of the Blue Ridge Leo Club's services over the past year or so.



Pictured above: Leo Jaden Garnett, PDG Fran Stepkovitch: District 14H Leo Coordinator, Leo of the year recipient Layla Sinnett, DG Shirley Skinner, Leo Nick Marvin, PCC Linda Zaneski: MD-14 Leo Club Coordinator



In case you missed this:



The Circle of Honor is our new veterans programming fundraising initiative, and it begins with a simple, powerful act: placing a name in stone.



At the heart of Beacon Lodge Camp's veteran programming area, we are building a permanent 42-foot circular Veterans Memorial Walkway, a sacred gathering space where veterans can reflect, families can find their loved one's name in stone, and our Lions community can honor those who served in a way that endures long after we are gone.

This is not just a memorial. It is a living fundraising initiative that directly supports veteran programming at Beacon Lodge Camp, including Project New Hope, our free healing retreats for Pennsylvania disabled veterans and their families. Every brick reserved is an act of honor and an investment in the veterans we serve.

Two ways to honor those who served:

- 4x8 Standard Memorial Brick — \$100
- 12x12 Legacy Stone — \$500

Click [HERE](#) for more information

Abington Lions Club

The Abington Lions Club recently financed the building of a new playground at Hillside Park in conjunction with the Lions of PA Foundation and the Northeast Lions Service Foundation..

The playground was officially dedicated April 26th as part of Earth Week



PDG Joe Skinner and DG Shirley Skinner represent the Abington Lions in front of AAJRB board members, scouts and volunteers at the dedication of the Lions Playground at Hillside Park.



Dunmore Lions Club

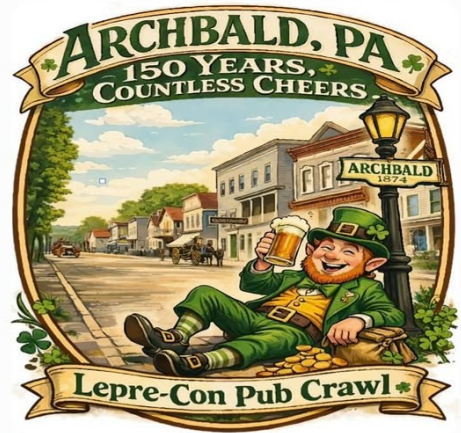
Scenes from the Easter Egg Hunt

The Dunmore Police Department, Dunmore Fire Department, Dunmore Rotary and Dunmore Lions Club held its Annual Bunny Hunt featuring Egg Hunt, candy, prizes, Fidelity Ice Cream Truck, and photos with Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 4th at St. Anthony's Playground. Over 500 children enjoyed the event.



Eynon Archbald Lions Club

The Lepre-Con Pub Crawl participants were doing the Irish Jig as they strolled through Archbald on Saturday, March 7 in the 3rd Annual Lepre-Con Pub Crawl. The event was in concert with Archbald Borough Sesquicentennial community history while displaying the shirts designed by Tag'd Spirit Wear and Gift Shop and a St. Patrick's Balloon feature by Poppin Off Balloons, by Sue Anne Suppy. The weather was picture perfect. The event, hosted by the Lepre-Con Lassies, creates the magical tour and visits seven local taverns each for an hour and concludes with Black Diamond Bag Pipers playing to the crowd. This year recipients went to the Eynon-Archbald Lions Club Thanksgiving Home Delivered Meals.



Lepre-Con Lassies Presenting the check --- Lion, Maureen Kresge, PDG Pam Savitski, Lassie, Shirley Barrett, Tracy Zaleski, Lion, Erin Owen, Lassie, Kelly Kudrich, Lion, Ed Stepkovich, President, Fran Stepkovich, Joe O'Connell, Lassie, Karen Rapoch, Lion Peggy DeVivo Kubash, Cathy Gillette, Jack Kubash, and Julie Calabro. Absent when photo was taken was Lepre-Con Lassie Michele Mancuso - Rudalavage, Kathy Mullen, Lovey Wargo and Susan Stempien escorted by Chad.

Falls Lions Club


The Falls Lions Club along with NEPA Geocachers braved the cold, wet weather and collected over 25 bags of trash! Appreciation to everyone who participated and Lion Nancy, Elaine and Antoinette who provided all of us with the opportunity for hot tea, hot coffee and a warm meal!



Honesdale Lions Club



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

Olyphant Lions Club



District Governor Shirley Skinner presented a certificate of appreciation to Olyphant Lions Club President Donna Kropa

Jefferson Township Lions Club

April 25th chicken wing fundraiser to help benefit Jefferson Township Little League new dugout. Huge shout out to all the volunteers from both organizations



Jefferson Township Lions Club

This is a little league team that we sponsor and **they won the game!** And if you notice, our club's name is on the billboard because we own the ballfield.



**Get your lucky duck tickets from PDG
Cathy and PDG Bill Metschulat**

**The 23rd Annual Duck Race is
On Sunday, July 19th, 2026**



Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
23RD ANNUAL
GREAT DUCK RACE

Held at PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp on Lions Appreciation Day
Sunday, July 19, 2026

Post Time 12:30 Donation \$5.00

1st Place Prize--\$1,000

2nd Place--\$500.00 4th Place--\$125.00
3rd Place--\$250.00 5th Place--\$125.00

Don't hesitate to contact your Beacon Lodge Board Member for tickets.
PDG Cathy 570-504-6261 and PDG Bill Metschulat 570-351-5477

North Pocono Minisink Lions Club

The North Pocono Minisink Lions Club recently donated approximately 380 books to Moscow Elementary Center Kindergarten and 1st Grade students for their Dr. Seuss Read Across America days. Pictured with one of the elementary classes were readers Liam and Anthony (NP High School), 2 scouts from Scouting Ameri- ca



Also on a 2nd Dr. Seuss Read Across America Day, NP Lion John Croom, wife Diane and grandsons John and James were readers to elementary classes in the Moscow Elementary Center Library.



North Pocono Minisink Lions Club

NP Lions Bike Recycling Program Chairman Joe Pierangeli recently delivered a number of reconditioned bikes for needy individuals at the Friends of the Poor facility in Scranton. So far this year 36 bikes were picked up and 24 were reconditioned. Pictured with the delivery is Cal a staff member with Friends of the Poor.



NP Minisink Lions Event Chairman Tony Seidita has started a new "Dogs Days of Summer" Calendar Raffle beginning on Memorial Day May 25, 2026 and running til September 1, 2026. Based on the Pick 3 Evening Lottery Drawing. Winnings are \$100 Dailey with 10 Special Days paying \$200. Tickets are \$25. Call Tony Seidita for tickets 570-840-6279.



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Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Phone _____

**North Pocono
Minisink
Lions Club**

**"DOG DAYS OF SUMMER"
SUMMER RAFFLE**

May 25, 2026 thru September 1, 2026

**WIN \$100 DAILY
WIN \$200 ON**

*May 25 - Memorial Day
June 4 - Corgi Day
June 12 - Great Dane Day
June 14 - Flag Day
June 20 - Ugliest Dog Day
July 4 - Independence Day
July 10 - Spoil Your Dog Day
July 21 - "No Pet Store" Puppies Day
August 4 - Assistance Dog Day
August 31 - National Mutt Day*

**MATCH THE PENNSYLVANIA
PICK 3 NIGHT DRAW**
Straight - No Wild Ball

\$25.00 DONATION

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Tunkhannock Lions Club



This is PDG Harold "Butch" Sands Delivering Food collected by Members of District 14-H Lions to **Wyoming County Seven Loaves Soup Kitchen**. Accepting the Food is Cathy Goeringe, a Volunteer at the Soup Kitchen. They provide hot meals 5 Days a week to those who come in to eat and socialize and they also deliver to many who can't get there to eat in. Food that was collected also went to 4 other counties to Food Pantries in their communities. Thanks to all the Lions who helped with this much needed collection.



District 14-H Lions Donated New Pajamas for Children from Newborn to Size 14-16. Receiving the Donation and Representing the **Wyoming County Children and Youth** were; Stephen Poirier, Kaylee Chaban, Nicole Tina, Stephanie Grows, Lisa Vandermark and Sabrina Hopkins. Representing the District 14-H Lions are PDG Harold "Butch" Sands and Lion Josie Sands. The District 14-H Lions also donated Pajamas to Lackawanna, Wayne and Susquehanna Youth Associations.

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DISTRICT 14-H Sight & Hearing Committee
Minutes April 9th, 2026 ~ ~ Hosted by Abington Lions
at Clarks Summit Borough Bldg, 2nd floor, 18411

PRESENT: DG Shirley Skinner, PDG Butch Sands, Lion Josie Sands, PDG Joe Skinner, Lion Barbara Taylor, PDG Karen Cokely, Lion Judy Potratz, Lion Gordie Potratz, Lion Pat Bartleson, PDG Fran Stepkovitch, Lion Ed Stepkovitch

PDG Butch Sands opened the meeting at 6:32pm, by welcoming everyone, thanks to Abington Lions for hosting and lead the Pledge of Allegiance, thank you for coming and appreciate all you do. DG Shirley Skinner welcomed everyone, more than happy to have you here, welcome.

Motion made by Lion Judy and seconded by PDG Karen to break for food, all in favor, no-one opposed, 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 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

Hawley Lake Wallenpaupack Lions application finally coming through for Ruth Carson, club owes \$250.00, waiting several moths for her appointment, bill will be coming through soon. No other 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, Walmart has very reasonable priced ones as well. PDG Karen stated person can get 1 hearing aid per year.

- **Sight Treasurer's report:** Lion Barbara Taylor
Opening/Closing Balance is \$9,354.19

Received application for young girl struggling, lives in South Abington Twp. PDG Fran received application for Christopher Page, this was forwarded to 14W for helping him, he's down in their area. Possible application coming for eyeglasses through Tunkhannock club. We will help, Lion Gordie made a motion to approve as soon as she receives applications, (no May meeting) DG Shirley seconded, all in favor, no-one opposed, so carried.

No other applications, bills or correspondence.

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



- OLD BUSINESS -

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

Sight First/Kidsight - 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. PDG Fran sent 30+ letters to day cares in our 4 counties.

Lion Gordie stated maybe the nurses in the schools can help spread word to others for more scheduled screenings.

- NEW BUSINESS -

Lions Gordie and Judy stated July is a good month to sort eyeglasses and we will set date at June's meeting, needs to be a Wednesday and then transported to NJ on Thursday am.

UPCOMING MEETINGS (Tentative)

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

EYEGASSES / HEARING AIDS

EYNON ARCHBALD - 98 eyeglasses

FALLS - 75 eyeglasses

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. Looking into were to have last Distric meeting. Some clubs haven't paid international dues, please go online to get bill, no longer mailed. Everything is in the lions portal. Add your events too. New lions year officers need to be put in before end of June.

PDG Butch - Thank you Abington, we had a great time at the parade, goats were a big hit, as always.

PDG Joe - Abington & S Abington working together for future bingo. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DG SHIRLEY and everyone sang Happy Birthday.

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PDG Fran - Thank you Abington, 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 Karen - Thank you Abington and thank you PDG Joe for homemade cookies, haha.

- GOOD OF THE DISTRICT -

HAWLEY LAKE WALLENPAUPACK - Shoe drive, collecting new or slightly used shoes again if anyone wants to donate through 12/31/26.

* * ***No further business, PDG Butch again thanked Abington Lions for hosting the meeting, see you in June on the 11th, 2026 hosted by Hawley Lake Wallenpaupack Lions at First Presbyterian Church, 813 Church St, Hawley 18428 at 6:30pm, always nice getting together and being social with all lions, we are like a family, Lion Judy made a motion to adjourn, PDG Joe seconded, all in favor, no-one opposed, so carried.**

Minutes submitted by Secretary Fran Stepkovitch

Knights of the Blind

Learn how Lions became known as Knights of the Blind, serving blind and visually impaired people for the past 100 years.

Click [HERE](#) to watch



In 1971, the Board of Directors of Lions Clubs International declared that **June 1** would be remembered as **Helen Keller Day**. Lions around the world implement sight-related service projects on Helen Keller Day.

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 - 34
Dunmore – 26	Old Forge - 19
Eynon/Archbald - 61	Olyphant - 27
Falls – 22	Scott Township - 31
Forest City – 19	Scranton - 17
Hawley/Lake Wallenpaupack – 10	South Abington - 6
Honesdale – 65	Stone Bridge/Susquehanna - 20
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 March, 2026 .

Total = 600 (up 3, 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