

# Northeast Lion District 14H Monthly Newsletter

July, 2026



**CABINET MEETING:** July 12th at  
Jefferson Township—811 Lions Rd  
12:30 pm registration, lunch at 1PM  
**Pot Luck Lunch—it's not too late to  
RSVP to Bev.**

On the menu so far: sausage and pep-  
pers with rolls, cake, deviled eggs,  
chips & dip, lemon cheesecake bars



*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,**

Wishing everyone a Happy and Safe Fourth of July. This is a big celebration for our country. Enjoy the cookouts and fireworks.

Some clubs have not updated their club officers for the 2026-2027 year. Please do so as soon as possible. The following is an update from LCI on dues. LCI – IMPORTANT CHANGES TO CLUB SUSPENSION POLICY: beginning in July, 2026, the suspension period will be reduced to 90 days, and if unresolved, automatic cancellation will occur in the second month following suspension. Need help? Let me know, there are people willing to jump in and help.

We do have a Lion coming in as 2nd Vice District Governor. That would be Lion Bev Bernoske, who is looking forward to the experience. So, the district will be looking for a new district treasurer. Are you willing to help?

On July 2nd, the Past District Governors will be appointing a District Governor for the year 2026-2027. Then the information goes to LCI for approval. Hopefully we will be able to find a willing Lion to come in as 1st Vice District Governor, giving us full leadership.

In the meantime, please send me your club information for the district directory. We can get that moving forward. Thank you to the clubs who have let me know. Also, consider putting a add in the directory. I will be forwarding the form out to the clubs.

Please stay cool and safe this Fourth of July.

**Together We Can**  
**DG Shirley Skinner**  
[sasskinner@comcast.net](mailto:sasskinner@comcast.net)





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

**Dear Lion,**

This year, Lions and Leos around the world have made a meaningful difference. Through your leadership and service, compassion and kindness, needs have been met, lives have been touched and communities strengthened.

As the Lion year comes to a close, that impact continues. MISSION 1.5 reminds us there is more to do, and by growing our membership, we expand our service and extend our reach into the future.

This impact is worth celebrating, so take time to recognize what you and your fellow Lions have accomplished. As you look ahead, continue building momentum by preparing future leaders and strengthening succession plans, ensuring your club and our mission thrive for years to come.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your international president this year. Thank you for your service and leadership as we continue leading to serve and serving to lead together.

Together in service,

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

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



**Dear Lions and Leos,**

As this Lion year comes to a close, we have the opportunity to reflect on all we have accomplished together. I am grateful for my time as chairperson of our foundation and proud of the impact we have made. Your dedication and generosity have expanded our service, reached more people in need and left a lasting mark in communities around the world. I look forward to celebrating our success at the 108th Lions International Convention in Hong Kong and reflecting on the difference we have made together.

If you have not yet made a gift, there is still time to be part of this extraordinary year. Every contribution brings us closer to our goals and strengthens our ability to empower Lions and Leos to change lives. Thank you for your commitment, your kindness and the difference you make every day.

**At your service,**

**Fabrício Oliveira, LCIF Chairperson**

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



**Liberty  
Intelligence  
Our Nations  
Safety**

**Lions Clubs International (LCI) is a global service organisation with over 46,000 local clubs and more than 1.4 million members across more than 200 countries and geographic areas. Its mission is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, address humanitarian needs, and promote peace and international understanding.**

**Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service**



SUNDAY  
July  
**19**  
2026

YOU'RE INVITED

# PA Lions Appreciation Day

*A day of recognition, fellowship, and good old camp fun on the Juniata.*



Beacon Lodge has designated July 19th as Pennsylvania Lions Appreciation Day — a day to recognize Immediate Past District Governors, District Liaisons, and ALL Lions, Lionesses, and Leos for their outstanding support of Beacon Lodge. Bring the family, get to know your camp, and stay for the picnic.

### — ALL-DAY ACTIVITIES

- Name That Tune
- Blind Bowling
- Fishing
- 50/50 Raffle
- Basket Raffle
- Worship Service
- Corn Hole
- Mini Golf
- The Great Duck Race
- Camp Store
- Pin Traders
- Camp Tours

### — NEW THIS YEAR

★ NEW FOR 2026

#### 01 The Pride Challenge

Which club brings the most Lions to BLC? Clubs compete in 3 divisions by location across the Commonwealth. Bragging rights on the line.

#### 02 On the Hunt

A campus-wide scavenger hunt to explore all Beacon Lodge has to offer — every corner of camp.

#### 03 Roar & Recall

Lions and Beacon Lodge trivia — how well do you know your camp?

### — SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 AM	Camp Store, 50/50 & Basket Raffle open
9:00 – 11:00	Mini Golf
10:00 – 11:00	Worship Service
11:00 – 1:30	Pin Traders
11:30 AM	Introduction of IPDGs · Invocation · Lunch
12:30 PM	The Great Duck Race
12:30 – 2:00	Camp Tours
12:30 – 2:30	Afternoon Activities incl. On the Hunt & Roar & Recall
1:30 PM	Camper Entertainment
3:00 PM	Announcements & Pride Challenge Winners
3:30 PM	End of Day / Benediction

### — PICNIC MEAL

**\$10** per person

SERVED 11:30 – 12:30

You are most cordially invited to bring your families to Beacon Lodge. A picnic meal will be prepared and served on site.

Make checks payable to Beacon Lodge with "PLAD" on the memo line and mail to: PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp · 114 State Route 103 South · Mount Union, PA 17066.

*Pin traders welcome! Clubs traveling by bus — please notify the office so we can arrange parking.*

RSVP BY JUNE 30, 2026

### MORE INFO & TICKETS

[www.beaconlodge.org](http://www.beaconlodge.org)

### OFFICE

(814) 542-2511  
Office@BeaconLodge.org

### VISIT

114 State Route 103 S.  
Mount Union, PA 17066



# Annual Pennsylvania Lions



## *Fall Leadership Symposium*

**\*2 LOCATIONS\***

**Saturday, October 3, 2026 9 AM-2:30 PM**

PA Lions State Office

949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111

*Lunch available for a \$10.00 donation (Pay at the Door)*

**\*OR\***

**Sunday, October 4, 2026 Noon-5 PM**

Butler County Association for the Blind

322 N. Cedar Street

Butler, PA 16001

*Refreshments will be available*

**This is a "Save the Date" notification**

**Topics and Instructor Information will be forthcoming**

**FREE & OPEN to all MD-14 Lions**

To register, please contact PDG Bill Grager at

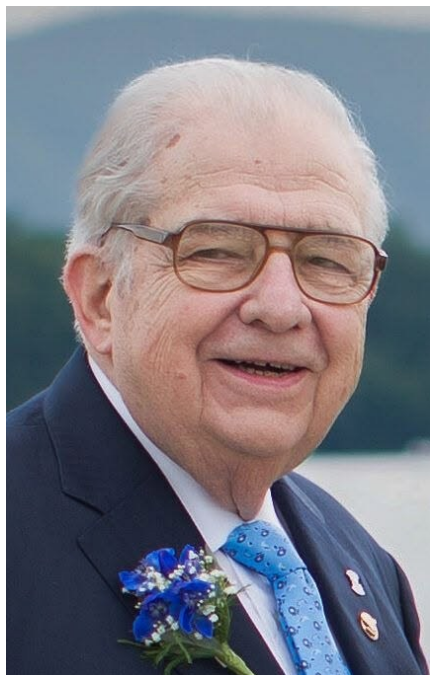
[bilbomzk@gmail.com](mailto:bilbomzk@gmail.com) or call (717)615-1974

Space is Limited!

***Empowerment is the key to success!***



## Joseph L. Wroblewski, 96, Past International President of Lions Clubs International, a member of our PA International Family, passed away on June 2nd.



Joseph L. Wroblewski, 96, Past International President of Lions Clubs International, devoted husband, father, grandfather, funeral director, veteran, humanitarian, and community leader passed away peacefully at home on June 2, 2026, surrounded by his children.

For more than seven decades, Joseph dedicated his life to service – service to his family, his community, his profession, and most notably to Lions Clubs International, whose mission of improving lives through humanitarian work became the guiding purpose of his life.

Born in Ashley, Pennsylvania, to Joseph L. Wroblewski and Irene Sobolewski Wroblewski, Joe was raised with the values of faith, hard work, compassion, and integrity that would define his character throughout his life. A graduate of Ashley High School, he continued his education at Wilkes College and later earned a degree from Eckels College of Mortuary Science in 1952.

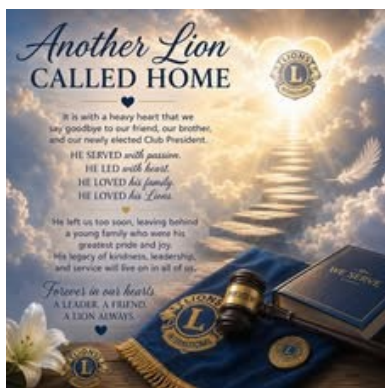
Joe honorably served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Upon returning home, he established his first funeral home in Ashley in 1954 and later expanded his work by acquiring the former John J. Baloga Funeral Home in Forty Fort. Together with his beloved wife, Normajeane, he served generations of families with dignity, compassion, and professionalism for more than six decades. During life's most difficult moments, Joe and Normajeane became trusted sources of comfort, guidance, and reassurance for countless families throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

His entrepreneurial spirit led him to several successful ventures beyond funeral service. Though respected as a businessman, Joe believed that the true measure of a life was found in service to others.

A member of the Ashley Lions Club since 1954, Joe devoted more than 70 years to Lions Clubs International. Through decades of leadership and service, he rose through the organizations ranks, serving as District Governor, International Director, and ultimately as International President of Lions Clubs International during 1985-1986.

His leadership extended far beyond a single presidential term. Joe served as International Convention Chairperson, United Nations Liaison for 28 years, Chairman of the Coordinating Committee for China Affairs, and in numerous other capacities that helped shape the global direction of Lions Clubs International. His work carried him across continents, where he forged lifelong friendships, inspired service, and advanced humanitarian causes that improved countless lives.

Please Click [HERE](#) for complete Obituary



**2025-2026 CONVENTION**  
**Best Western Convention Center**  
**Clarks Summit, PA**  
**5:00-9:00pm – April 19, 2026**

(Convention Minutes Page 1 of 3)

- Registration/Happy Half Hour 5:00-5:30
- Meeting opened @ 5:30 by Convention Chair, PDG Cathy Metschulat; followed by Prayer by Chaplain PDG Joe Skinner
- Protocol set by PDG Allan Hetkowski
- Introduction of DG Shirley Skinner by Convention Chairwoman, PDG Cathy Metschulat
- DG Shirley Skinner Welcome and recognition of guest PCC Linda Zaneski
- Rules of Procedure set by PCC Mark Kusma
- Roll Call of Clubs and offices by District Secretary Joy Lewis followed by request for motion to accept minutes from March Cabinet meeting – motion by PDG Karen Cokely, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Allen Hetkowski – motion passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

PDG Karen Cokely asked for a motion to destroy the 2025 election ballots and to acknowledge absence of ballots for 2026.

- Question from PDG Cathy if 1 motion could cover both matters.
- PCC Mark advised if the group agreed, it could be done in one
- Group agreed

Motion by PDG Allen Hetkowski; 2<sup>nd</sup> by PDG Butch Sands – motion carried

#### BREAK FOR DINNER

- Lion's Toast by Lion Nathan Mills, Jefferson Twp. Followed by a Thank you to PDG Buth and Lion Josie for St. Pats Parade
- LEO's toast by PDG Cathy Metschulat
- Head table introduction PDG Cathy Metschulat
- LEO of the Year presented by DG Shirley and PDG Fran Stepkovitch
  - Presented to Layla Sinnet, Blue Ridge HS
  - In attendance w/ Layla were Nick Marvin, Pres. And Jayden Garrent of the Blue Ridge Leo Club
- NECROLOGY Service – DG Shirley and PDG Joe Skinner
  - Remembering members from Apr 1, 2025 through Mar 31, 2026
- Verse of "Amazing Grace"
- Presentation of Necrology roses to club presidents
- Verse of "God Bless America" led by Lion Ed Stepkovitch
- Pledge of Allegiance led by Zach Fable, Pres. Benton Lions Club

- MILITARY AND VETERANS HONORED (Convention Minutes Page 2 of 3)
- MELVIN JONES, JOE WROBLEWSKI, & CARL SHOEMAKER FELLOWS RECOGNIZED
- Introduction of Toastmistress, Lion Barb Tylor – PDG Cathy Metschulat
- Introduction of District Governor – Lion Barbara Taylor
- District Governor Remarks
- Shirley introduced Keynote speaker, Linda Zaneski, District 14W, DuPont Lions Club followed by her remarks
  - Change requirements for DG
    - don't need to be President or Zone Chair
    - if 2x PDG will not be allowed to repeat for third term
    - 1x PDG possibility of repeating
  - Excuses not to run for office don't exist anymore
  - Things not working need to change
  - Qualities
    - Leaders willing to step up – don't be afraid
    - Mentor
    - Organized and energetic
    - Focus on new member qualities
  - Inspiration Quotes:
    - You must do the thing you think you cannot do
      - Eleanor Roosevelt
    - Leaders aren't born, they are made
      - Vince Lombardi
    - Leadership is all about building relationships, understanding people and inspiring them to be their best
      - Barack Obama
    - A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way
      - John Maxwell
    - Leadership is not about titles, positions or flowcharts. Its about one life influencing another.
      - John C. Maxwell
    - Do what you can to show you care about other people, and you will make our world a better place.
      - Rosalyn Carter
- DG Shirley Skinner presentation of Awards & gifts
  - Awards
    - Certificate of Appreciation
      - Barb Taylor, Scott Twp
      - Darlene Mills, Jefferson Twp.

- Beverly Bernoske, Scott Twp
- Distinguished Service Award
  - Zack Frable, Benton Club
- Carl Shoemaker Award
  - Nathan Mills, Jefferson Twp.
- Gifts
  - PDG Fran
  - Beverly Bernoske
- Presentation
  - State flag and donation to LCIF – PCC Linda
- 50/50 Drawing - Barb Taylor
  - Winner – Val Riggi \$55
- Skip Committee report – will present at last Cabinet meeting in June
- District Treasurer’s Report, Lion Beverly Bernoske, Dist. Treas. (Scott Twp). Motion to **acknowledge**.

Next cabinet meeting will determine where raffle income goes

Duck race tickets for Beacon Lodge are available

Brick wall / walkway fundraiser happening for Beacon Lodge – contact Cathy

Good of the District

Food Drive for Catholic Social Services thank you – IPDG Sandy Thubborn

Raffle Baskets awarded

Closing Remarks – DG Shirley Skinner 8:23

Motion by PDG Karen Cokley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by PCC Mark Kusma. Motion passed

Pajama donation separation followed:

Wyoming – Butch

Wayne – Sandy

Lackawanna – Joe

Susquehanna – Zack

Take pics when dropped off to share on page

**Respectfully Submitted**

**But not accepted 6/3/26**

**Joy Lewis**

**District Secretary**



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***Benton Township Lions Club***



Thank you Benton Township Lion's Club for replenishing the township's supply of street flags again!

## Dunmore Lions Club

New member installation:

Two new members were installed on Sunday, June 7th at Stirna's in Scranton following our annual Awards Banquet. Welcome to Lions Gene DiVizio and Odin Marrow. Lions Jim Colangelo and Michael Colangelo were sponsors. PDG Fran Stepkovitch installed new members.



Pictured above, L-R: Jim Colangelo, Gene DiVizio, Odin Marrow, Michael Colangelo, and PDG Fran Stepkovitch



## Dunmore Lions Club

The Dunmore Lions Club **Annual Awards Dinner** for Dunmore High School and Holy Cross High School was held on Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 6PM at Stirna's in Scranton. Lion Gino Tempesta was Chairperson. Awards were presented to outstanding Male and Female Athletes of both high schools. Penn State Scholarships were presented to students attending Penn State, Scranton.



Above:: standing: Gino Tempesta, Jeanne Massaro, Ryan Mecca, Joseph Hanley, Alex Higley, Melissa Dworak, and Jim Colangelo. Seated: Sadie Ondek, Amanda Dempsey, Shelby Hartland, and Ray Zhang

**2026 Dunmore High School Student Athlete Awards recipients are: Amanda Dempsey and Ryan Mecca.**

**Dunmore Penn State Scholarship recipient is Sadie Ondek.**

Jeanne Massaro made presentations.

**2026 Holy Cross High School Student Athlete Awards recipients are: Shelby Hartland and Ray Zhang.**

**Holy Cross Penn State Scholarship recipient is Joseph Hanley.**

Alex Higley made presentations.

Lion Michael Colangelo gave the invocation and introductions.

Lion Sam Sebastianelli was chairperson of program and arrangements.

Lion Melissa Dworak was toastmistresses.

Lions President James Colangelo offered remarks and made presentations.



Pic 2: seated: Carole Thompson, Renee Iezzi, Melissa Dworak and Jim Colangelo. Standing: Michael Colangelo, Odin Marrow, Tom Cola, Joe Luciano, Sam Sebastianelli, Sean Colangelo, Gino Tempesta, and Gene DiVizio



Jim Colangelo



Gino Tempesta



Michael Colangelo



Melissa Dworak



## Dunmore Lions Club

### Coin drop—in conjunction with Dunmore Rotary:

On behalf of the Dunmore Lions Club and Dunmore Rotary Club we would like to thank everyone who supported our Coin Drop today at Dunmore Corners. It was very successful and we are grateful for the support of our community endeavors.



## Falls Lions Club



Newest Falls Lions Club members Kailey and Jon!



## Jefferson Township Lions Club

A few photos from our June 23rd installation dinner . Officiated by 14H District Governor Shirley Skinner



Officers 2026-2027:

Valerie Rigg, Sec'y; Joanne Musko, VP; DG Shirley; Hannah Witherite, Pres; Terry Grant, Treas.



Dan Gallagher, Tail Twister; DG; Darlene Mills, Lion Tamer



Directors Albert Novajosky, DG Shirley, Nate Mills, John Capiello



Installation Committee - Hannah Witherite, Joanne Musko, Marge Parry



First Row: Darlene Mills, Nate Mills, Joanne Musko, Cheryl Simpson, Mark Reed.



Back Row: Bill Metschulat, Hannah Witherite, Terry Grant, John Capiello, Albert Novajosky, Dan Gallagher, Marge Parry, Jim Simpson, Ramona Kilanowski.



## North Pocono Minisink Lions Club

During the Club's bi-monthly meeting on June 18 at the High Bridge House restaurant Lion **Brian Strauch** was presented with his **45 yr. Milestone Chevron Award pin**. Brian was out of town when DG Shirley Skinner attended the Club's June 4 meeting to present Milestone Awards to 3 other Lions members. Pictured is Club Secretary Jim Strempek presenting Brian with his Award.



**250**  
YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
1776 - 2026

**NORTH POCONO  
MINISINK  
LIONS CLUB**

**FIREWORKS  
EXTRAVAGANZA**

**THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2026**  
RAIN DATE: MONDAY, JULY 6  
AT NORTH POCONO FOOTBALL STADIUM  
Route 690, Moscow, PA

*the Fabulous 45's*

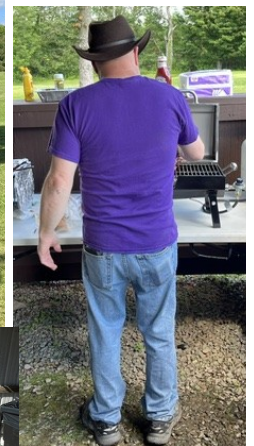
DOORS OPEN 6:00PM  
MUSIC STARTS 7:00PM  
FOOD & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

**FREE ADMISSION**  
DONATIONS GLADLY ACCEPTED

Your Generous Donations will help fund the Lions Vision, Hearing and Scholarship Programs!

The Lions Club is presenting their **34th annual Fireworks Extravaganza** on Thursday July 2nd at the North Pocono Football Stadium. Scouts from BSA Troops 132 and 1132 are scheduled to take part in opening ceremonies. Lydia Monroe from Musical Dreams Studio is attending to sing the National Anthem. The Fabulous 45's will take the stage at 7pm to play all of the crowd's favorite songs. The Fireworks show will start at 9:30pm. Donations from sponsors and patrons help support the Lions Club vision, hearing and Scholarship programs.

# Scott Township Lions Club—Annual Golf Tournament—June 13th



## Scott Township Lions Club

Scott Township Lions Club awarded two scholarships to Lakeland High School students. Pictured below, L-R, are Kaylyn Davis, Lion Bev Bernoske, and Mia Cooper.

Kaylyn will be attending Slippery Rock University, studying Exercise Science Pre-physician Track. She will also be on the Track and Field team.

Mia will be attending Lackawanna College, studying Diagnostic Medical Stenography.



## District 14-H Lions Clubs by the numbers

Abington – 27	Mayfield – 14
Benton Township – 17	Minisink – 24
Blakely/Peckville - 12	Minooka - 35
Dalton—12	Montrose - 34
Dunmore – 28	Old Forge - 19
Eynon/Archbald - 62	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 May, 2026 .***

***Total = 605 (up 4, 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**