

*Northeast Lion
District 14H
Monthly Newsletter*

June, 2026



June is a month representing the transition into summer, abundance, and celebration.

Name Origin: Named after Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage and childbirth.

Birth Flowers: The Rose (symbolizing love and beauty) and Honeysuckle (symbolizing affection and happiness).

Birthstones: Pearl (purity and wisdom), Alexandrite (creativity), and Moonstone (calmness).

Zodiac Signs: Gemini (intellect) and Cancer (emotion and protection).

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,

Spring is here and clubs are busy with their summer plans and projects.

Let the district know of your future projects. Remember to add your projects to the LCI portal.

The Pa State Convention in Indiana, Pa. was busy and fun. Seeing old friends making new. Lots of speakers to learn from. No, I did not win a raffle basket.

We are looking for places to hold the district meetings. If you know of any that can hold accommodate around 30 to 40 people, please share. These places are shrinking.

There have been questions about the district leadership for the year 2026-2027. At this time, we do not have anyone coming in as District Governor. So, the current leadership will continue until PDGs and cabinet meet and appoint someone, then be approved by LCI. Information from LCI legal, district administrator and the state is being reviewed. 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?

We have raffle money to give away. This is from our district meeting raffles. Come up with ideas to share. This is around \$350.00.

The final district meeting will be the beginning of July. Too many graduation, party and Father's Day events to get a place for June. Will email place and time. Planning for officers and portal training for July. If interested, please let me know.

Together We Can

DG Shirley Skinner

sasskinner@comcast.net





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

Dear Lion,

As we approach the end of the year, this is the perfect time to reflect on our shared experience as Lions. While each of us brings something unique, it is our combined effort that creates the greatest impact.

When we come together in service, we achieve meaningful goals and show our communities the kindness and commitment Lions are known for. As Lions, we are never alone — we support one another, inspire one another and overcome challenges together.

There is still time to join forces this year and do something great. I look forward to seeing what you and your clubs accomplish together.

Together in service,

**A.P. Singh
International President**

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



Dear Lions and Leos,

As we prepare to enter the final month of our fiscal year, we have an opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved and commit to finishing strong. Through LCIF, Lions and Leos are creating change that will be felt for generations.

In this month's newsletter, we feature:

- My personal video invitation to join the Lions Legacy Society and make a lasting commitment that extends far into the future.
- A Lions blog story highlighting a DCG-funded project in France that is helping youth understand the importance of protecting our environment.
- Ways our global impact is enhanced through partnership with like-minded organizations.

These are just a few examples of what we can achieve when we give and serve with purpose. As we work to reach this year's fundraising and service goals, I hope they inspire you to continue developing innovative projects and strengthening your support of LCIF.

Your gift today makes a difference for someone in need, now and in the future.

At your service,

Fabrício Oliveira, LCIF Chairperson

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

Eye Research & Sight Conservation Foundation Seminar : October 24, 2026

Please join us at
 The Penn State Hershey
 Medical Center
 University Conference
 Center
 500 University Drive,
 Hershey,
 Pennsylvania
 on
 Saturday,
 October 24, 2026
 Any questions or concerns,
 please contact
 Karen Minick at
 (717) 531-8783 or via
 email at
 kminick@pennstatehealth.psu.edu



2026 Annual Research Seminar of the Pennsylvania Lions Sight Conservation & Eye Research Foundation

SAVE THE DATE

Date: October 24, 2026
 Penn State Hershey
 Medical Center,
 University Conference
 Center

Continental Breakfast: 8:00 AM
 Opening Remarks: 9:00 AM

Contact person: Karen Minick
 (717) 531-8783

Penn State Hershey Medical Center

500 University Drive, HU19
 Hershey, PA 17033

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 Fax: 717-531-5475
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Saturday October 24, 2026
 Continental Breakfast to
 begin at
 8:00 AM
 Meeting begins promptly at
 9:00 AM

Located at:
 The Penn State Hershey
 Medical Center
 500 University Drive
 University Conference
 Center
 Hershey, PA 17033

Schedule

- 8:00-9:00 AM Continental Breakfast
- 9:00-9:20 AM Opening Remarks
- 9:20-10:20 AM Presentations
- 10:20-10:40 AM Coffee Break
- 10:40-11:40 AM Presentations
- 11:40-12:00 PM Closing Remarks
- 12:00-1:30 PM Lunch and Conversation



From the main Penn State Hershey entrance:

- Follow Governor Road/Rt. 322 West for 0.4 miles.
 - Turn left at the first traffic light onto Bullfrog Valley Road.
 - Travel 0.4 miles and turn left at the first traffic light onto Life Lion Drive.
 - Follow Life Lion Drive to the first stop sign.
 - Turn left on Campus Drive.
 - The University Fitness and Conference Center building will be on your left (#16 on the map), with parking on the West and South sides of the building; turn left off Campus Drive at the UCC Parking sign.
- OR**
- After turning on University Drive, you will come to a stop sign and take a right on to Campus Drive. Stay on Campus Drive until you see University Fitness Center sign and turn right and follow sign to Conference Center Parking Lot.

Registration Form

First Name _____
 Last Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone: _____
 Fax: _____
 Email Address: _____

Registration is FREE.

Please send completed registration form

to Karen Minick by

Friday, October 9, 2026 at

Penn State M.S. Hershey

Medical Center,

Dept. of Ophthalmology, HU19

500 University Drive,

Hershey, PA 17033-0850

or

Email it to: kminick@pennstatehealth.psu.edu

or

Fax it to: (717) 531-5475

If you have any questions, please call

Karen at (717) 531-8783.

Photos from PA State Convention—May 14-17—Indiana, PA



PDG Harold (Butch) Sands (above, leftmost) was presented with the International President's Award! Congratulations Butch.





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[THE PLAD FLYER](#)

PA Lions Appreciation (PLAD) Day at Beacon Lodge

PLAD Is Coming:

Sunday, July 19,

2026

Pennsylvania Lions Appreciation Day is one of the most meaningful days on our calendar — a chance to honor Immediate Past District Governors, District Liaisons, and every Lion, Lioness, and Leo whose support makes this place possible. This year, we're celebrating **78 continuous years of camping**, and we're doing it right.

Festivities begin **at 9:00 AM**. A picnic lunch is served **from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM** for \$10 per person. **Reservations must be received by June 30, 2026** — so don't wait.

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 570-351-5177

Abington Lions Club

Four students from Abington Heights High School were awarded scholarships by the Abington Lions Club. Lion Rich Winslow (center of photo below) presented the scholarships.



North Pocono Minisink Lions Club

Saturday, May 16, a beautiful sunny blue sky morning in the 40's was the perfect weather for a highway cleanup. Moscow Borough Police Traffic Control Officer DeJesus found Minisink Lions on duty at 9am for a 2 mile cleanup of Rt. 690 in the Borough. Pictured L to R: Lions President Joe Sabie, Terry Nye, Glenn Czulada, Donny Brown, Dave Ogonosky, Matt Alferio and Jim Strempek.



Dunmore Lions Club

The Dunmore Lions Club dedicated a bench on North Blakely Street at Fidelity Bank in memory of Joseph F. Fontanella Tuesday evening, May 26th. The bench was donated in his memory by his family. Joseph was a member of our Lions Club and served as President 1983-1984 and 1996-1997. We are grateful to the Fontanella family for their generosity.



Above, L-R: Joe Fontanella, Mark Fontanella, Frances Fontanella, Frank Fontanella, and Francis Paul Fontanella



Above, L-R: Fontanella Family with Lions Club members includes Assistant Fidelity Bank Manager Haley Houck, Michael Colangelo, Jim Colangelo, Carole Thompson, Sean Colangelo, Francis Paul Fontanella, Frances Fontanella, Joe Fontanella, Mark Fontanella and Frank Fontanella.



Above: The Fontanella Family

Dunmore Lions Club

Dunmore Lions Club members gathered after its May meeting at the Dunmore Community Center where the club's 75th Anniversary bench is located.

Pictured below, L-R: Michael Colangelo, Sean Colangelo, Angelo Martarano, Beth Zangardi, Melissa Dworak, Sam Sebastianelli, Carole Thompson, Gene DiVizio, and Jim Colangelo.



Our Annual Dunmore Lions Club Awards Banquet for student recipients from Dunmore High School and Holy Cross High School will be held Sunday, June 7th at 6pm at Stirna's in North Scranton.



Eynon Archbald Lions Club

We are a Top Dog ! Thank you for your support at Our Snowflake Gala



Welcome to the Top Dog Club!

Pearland Lady Lions	Jacksonville River City Lions	Jarrettsville Lions
River Oaks Lions	Eynon Archbald Lions	Romeo Lions
Missoula Lions	Perry Hall - Kingsville Lions	Norfolk Lions
Beaufort Lions	Thiensville - Mequon Lions	Bellflower Lions
Flushing Lions	Dewey Beach Lions	Midland Lions
Frankenmuth Lions	Lord Baltimore Lions	Horace Lions
Clawson Lions	Hickory Lions	



These clubs have given \$5,000 or more in one fiscal year to Leader Dog, making an impact in our clients lives and helping them to be unstoppable.

Falls Lions Club

On May 12th, the Falls Lions Club helped out at the Seven loafs Soup Kitchen. We served 145 dinners. Thank you fellow Lions: President Lion Ray, Secretary Lion Elaine, Sunshine Lion Nancy and a few other people who helped. Also me: Lion Tamer Lion Antoinette. What a great feeling you get when you help people. Great Job everyone.



Falls Lions Club

Come out and join us for some fun and exciting Kids Fishing Derby! It's free! Fun, prizes for all children 0 to 15 yrs old and food at How Kola camp grounds.

On **Saturday June 13th**, 2026.



June 13 | 10 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Falls Lions Club

HOW KOLA CAMPGROUND,
 2236 Falls Rd,
 Dalton, PA 18414

KIDS FISHING DERBY
 AGES 15 AND UNDER
CHILDREN 10 and Under MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADULT

FUN, FOOD AND PRIZES FOR ALL THE KIDS!

THERE WILL BE THREE SETS OF PRIZES FOR EACH AGE GROUP:

GROUP SENIOR KIDS: 10 – 15 Years
 GROUP JUNIOR KIDS: 6 - 9 Years
 GROUP KIDS: 0 - 5 Years

Buckets are available

Bring your own fishing pole

Bait is available

Hold the date!

To be held at Hock Park, Falls PA




FALLS SUMMER CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 HOCK MEMORIAL LOWER PARK | FALLS, PENNSYLVANIA

KAYAK REGATTA
 Pirates of the Caribbean Theme
9:00 AM

*To participate, contact
 Susquehanna Kayak & Canoe at
 570-388-6107

FALLS LIONS BARBECUE
 SMOKY DELIGHTS & MORE

LIVE MUSIC & FUN
 FEATURING:
THIRSTY THURSDAY
 (CLASSIC ROCK & PIRATE SHANTIES)

SILLY WILLY ICE CREAM TRUCK
 DELICIOUS TREATS & MORE

FACE PAINTING
 KIDS' ACTIVITIES & ART

BASKET RAFFLES & LOCAL VENDORS
 GREAT PRIZES!
 SUPPORT LOCAL - NUMEROUS VENDORS ON SITE

*Featuring a special market area with many local vendors.
FAMILY FRIENDLY • FREE ADMISSION

#FALLSUMMER2026



Jefferson Township Lions Club

The Jefferson Township Lions Club would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to North Pocono High School graduating senior Hannah Rocco on being selected as this year's scholarship recipient!

We are proud to support outstanding students in our community and recognize Hannah for her hard work, dedication, and accomplishments throughout her high school career.

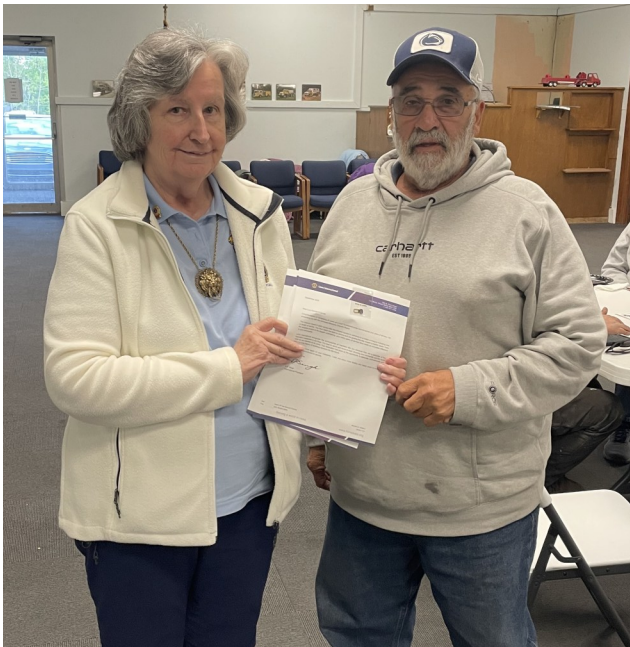
We wish Hannah the very best as she begins this exciting new chapter and know she has a bright future ahead. Congratulations again!



Pictured above, L-R: Club First Vice President Joanne Musko, Student Hannah Rocco, and Club President Hannah Witherite.

North Pocono Minisink Lions Club

DG Shirley Skinner visited the Club on May 7 to make a few special presentations. Those Lions Members receiving Milestone Chevron Awards were: Ron Donati-20yrs., Nunzio Lamberti-40yrs., and Glenn Czulada-25yrs. Absent Lions Members were Tom Hauber-20yrs., Justin Sulla-10yrs. and Brian Strauch-45yrs.



Bicycle Recycling Chairman Lion Joe Pierangeli received a PA Distinguished Service Award for his work collecting, reconditioning and delivering bikes to needy individuals and children.



North Pocono Minisink Lions Club & Scott Township Lions Club

Scott Township Lions recently held a community bicycle drive to get more bikes for Joe Pierangeli's bicycle recycle project. 56 bikes were delivered to Joe and team, pictured below, with Bev Bernoske. Scott Township, Greenfield township and surrounding community members were happy to donate unused bikes to a good cause. Many had bikes that were no longer used: stored in sheds, basements and under decks—not wanting to throw them away—and happy that people who were in need would get them. Of course, Joe will be busy for some time with his refurbishing efforts to make these bikes like new again. [Thanks to Facebook for being a tremendous tool to inform local communities of the bike drive]



Taylor Lions Club

The Taylor Lions Club participated in the Memorial Day Parade held in Taylor Borough on Monday 05/25/2026.



Pictured above, L-R: Club President Ted Praschak, 2nd Vice President Bridget Connor, IPDG & Secretary/ Treasurer Sandy Thubborn, & Membership Chairman John Thubborn



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 – 27	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 April, 2026 .

Total = 601 (up 1, 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