

*Northeast Lion
District 14H
Monthly Newsletter*

September, 2026



CALLING ALL CLUBS:

We will have a community food drive. All non perishable food donations—or monetary donations (we have volunteers to do the shopping) will be packaged for distribution for our four counties at the February Cabinet Meeting (Date TBD).

HOLD THE DATES:

Next Cabinet Meeting: November 14 or 15

April 18, 2027: District 14H Convention at Cooper's Seafood

Highlight of First Week of Service 2026-2027: Vision | October 8–18, 2026

Plan a service activity for World Sight Day on October 8 or International White Cane Day on October 15! The new [Vision Service Project Ideas resource](#) can help you get started with popular service activities such as vision screening and eyeglass recycling as well as some new ideas. Join Lions and Leos around the world as they improve the lives of the visually impaired and help prevent avoidable blindness.

Learn more about vision programs and service ideas on the [vision global cause webpage](#).

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 Lions,

I am looking forward to the year as District Governor. We have projects in the works to support our communities. Clubs are starting to grow and there is a new Leo club in the works.

Your Clubs are now getting back together and making plans for the new year. Time to set up the District Governor's visit. This year we have a SVDG who will join me. Just let me know the time, date and place. Excited to hear all you have done.

The First Vice District Governor Office is empty. Looking for a qualified Lion to step up and help our district. You are not that far behind with the training. PDG's are always here to help.

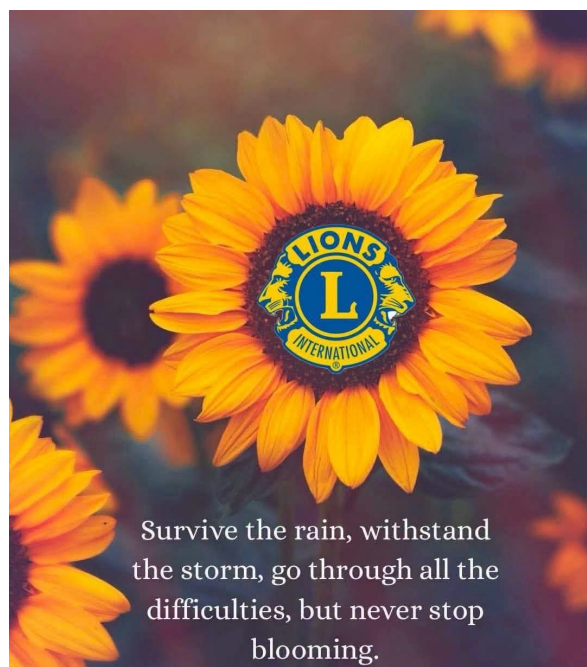
We are still in need of a district secretary and district treasurer. So, if you or someone you know, would be interested in stepping up, please let me know. We will help you all the way.

Let me know when you are having your events. May just show up and help. Remember if you need information or help, call or email me.

DG Shirley Skinner

sasskinner@comcast.net

570-587-2073



Pennsylvania Lions Club
District 14-H
2nd Vice District Governor's Message



Hello Lions!

I'm happy to be on the path to become your future District Governor (DG). There are many training opportunities to get me ready for this important job. Recently, I attended the PA State Council Meeting in Harrisburg. Here, DGs and Vice District Governors (VDGs) attend to conduct the business of the Pennsylvania Lions. As VDGs we are there to observe and learn. "At the table", voting on decisions that need to be made, sit the DGs.

Learning more about the Lions is of great interest to me. Putting together the Monthly District Newsletter has been an excellent way to learn as well. If you have interest in becoming editor of our District Newsletter, please reach out to me—it's a great way to meet Lions from other clubs in our district and to learn more about everything Lions (the job encourages you to understand more so you can write about things with more clarity for all of our readers).

DG Shirley is a great mentor—by attending club meetings with Shirley I will get to meet more Lions in our district and I will get the chance to hear about accomplishments and challenges that clubs have. I also hope to learn how I can help other Lions and other Clubs.

Wishing you the best for your last days of summer ... before everything pumpkin arrives!

Bev Bernoske

(570) 430-4770

Special moment at the end of the 1st Pennsylvania State Council Meeting when Lions celebrated the 90th Birthday of Past International Director Bob. PID Bob's 90th birthday falls between the council meetings so Lions celebrated a few weeks early as the next Council Meeting will not be till October. PID Bob has been a Lion for over 59 years and has dedicated his time and energy to helping others in the community, state, and internationally as well as mentoring and guiding many lions in leadership. Congratulations PID Bob and Happy Birthday.





**President's Message:
Rooted in Service with
International President
Mark S. Lyon**

Dear Lion,

Being “Rooted in Service” is about more than just the service others see us do. It’s about who we are at our foundation. Our roots in service are strong, and they run deep.

Lions are often the first to answer the call, find a solution or identify a need. And when we do, we step up. We help. We serve.

This year, work with your club to create service projects that are engaging, impactful and aligned with what your community needs. And if you want to make them even more fun, invite your family and friends to serve with you.

True impact starts with one act of service, big or small. I can’t wait to see what you do!

In friendship and service,

**Mark S. Lyon
International President**

**See International President Mark S.
Lyon’s full newsletter [HERE](#)**



Message from LCIF Chairperson A.P. Singh

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) transforms the generosity of Lions, Leos and our supporters into meaningful service and lasting change. Through [grants](#), our global foundation provides resources that enable us to address important needs, expand successful projects and reach more people in communities around the world.

LCIF also helps strengthen our association. When people see Lions improving lives through impactful service, they are inspired to get involved. By [supporting](#) our foundation and sharing these powerful stories, we can help clubs grow, deepen their impact and welcome more people to join our humanitarian mission.

CLICK [HERE](#) to see A. P. Singh's full letter





Annual Pennsylvania Lions



Fall Leadership Symposium

"Strengthening Our Roots"

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 (Payable at Lunch)

Additional parking at Business Center next 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

TOPICS

Stronger Clubs: member retention; rebuilding; effective meetings

Stronger Together: community connections; identifying needs

Stronger Statistics: LCI/Portal navigation and use

Stronger Members/Leaders: recruiting quality members and leaders

FREE & OPEN to all MD-14 Lions

To register, please contact PDG Bill Grager at

bilbomzk@gmail.com or call (717)615-1974

Space is Limited!

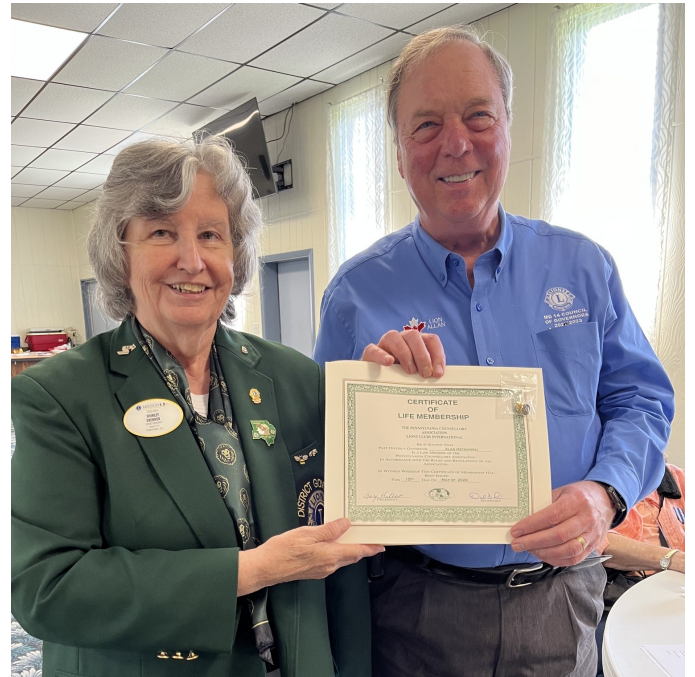
Empowerment is the key to success!



District 14-H: Council Meeting 1 for 2026-2027
Jefferson Twp Lions Club Banquet Hall, August 23, 2026
DG Shirley Skinner Presents awards:



To PDG Butch Sands: 35 year Chevron Award !!



To PDG Allan Hetkowski — PA Counselors Lifetime Membership Award



To PDG Dave Rudis — PA Counselors Lifetime Membership Award



To PDG Fran Stepkovitch — PA Counselors Lifetime Membership Award

THE 2026-2027 CONTEST

Harmony in Humanity

When we treat each other with respect and kindness, peace can flourish. This year, we invite young people to imagine a world where people of every culture and background live together peacefully — celebrating differences, finding common ground and creating true harmony in humanity.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Harmony in Humanity

2026-2027

 **Calling all young artists ages 11–13!**
Share your vision of peace and inspire the world.

 GRAND PRIZE: \$5,000 & trip to the Awards Ceremony!	 23 MERIT WINNERS: \$500 each!	 KITS AVAILABLE Jan 15 – Oct 1, 2026 CLUB SUBMISSION DEADLINE Nov 15, 2026 WINNERS ANNOUNCED By Feb 1, 2027
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 **CREATE. EXPRESS. INSPIRE.**
Peace begins with you! 

 lionsclubs.org/peaceposter | [#peaceposter](https://twitter.com/peaceposter)  

DISTRICT 14-H Sight & Hearing Committee
Minutes August 13th, 2026 ~ ~ Hosted by Jefferson Twp Lions
at Jefferson Twp Lions Club Hall



PRESENT: PDG Butch Sands, Lion Josie Sands, Lion Barbara Taylor, PDG Karen Cokely, Lion Judy Potratz, Lion Gordie Potratz, PDG Fran Stepkovitch, Lion Ed Stepkovitch, Lion Joanne Musko, Lion Steve Christopher, DG Shirley Skinner, PDG Joe Skinner, Lion Valerie Riggi

PDG Butch Sands opened the meeting at 7:00pm, (break for food was earlier), by welcoming everyone, thanks to Jefferson Twp Lions for stepping up to host and lead the Pledge of Allegiance, thank you for coming and appreciate all you do. Lion Joanne Musko welcomed everyone to Jefferson Twp, thank you for coming and great to see everyone.

The minutes of the last meeting were in newsletter, passed around & asked if reviewed. A motion to accept 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 Balance is - \$2,445.25

- \$500.00 Design Hearing
- + \$ 50.00 copay Montrose
- + \$912.00 Fair Share \$

\$2,907.25 Closing Balance

Waiting to hear back from Waymart Lions Club, working with Lion Dave from club for application. No other correspondence, applications or bills.

PDG Butch stated more clubs should try to attend these meetings for information to help those in their area, can share information and spread the word how we can help. PDG Joe stated to try to find out when clubs are having their meetings and maybe stop in and share our info and they will get involved. DG Shirley stated all information is in District Directory, PDG Fran sends emails with meeting info. PDG Joe stated maybe zone chairs can get more involved and help.

- - Sight Treasurer's report: Lion Barbara Taylor

Opening/Closing Balance is \$10,266.19

Lion Barbara stated still nothing new from lady in Throop, explained we need application first. Hoping to have new application, soon.

No other applications, bills or correspondence.

- OLD BUSINESS -

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

PDG Fran mentioned if anyone knows of any Day Cares in your community, let them know about the free vision screening we do and contact her for more information to set up date for screening.

- NEW BUSINESS -

Sorting eyeglasses will be 9/16 at Lion Gordie's warehouse in Hawley and transported next day to NJ. Address is 660 Texas Palmyra Hwy White Mills, 18473 at 10:00am.

UPCOMING MEETINGS (Tentative)

2026 MEETINGS - **September** hosted by Minisink (confirmed), **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.



EYEGLASSES / HEARING AIDS

FALLS - 75 eyeglasses, 4 sunglasses

TUNKHANNOCK - 75 eyeglasses

ABINGTON - 113 eyeglasses

JEFFERSON TWP - 525 eyeglasses

*PDG Joe stated they give out the non prescription sunglasses away at club Events.

* Lion Barbara mentioned they do take regular and prescription sunglasses for recycling, broken frames, no single lenses.

PDG Comments -

- **DG Shirley** - thank you for filling in at last meeting, getting back in the swing, directory coming out in September, 8/23 Cabinet meeting at Jefferson Twp Club Hall 12:30pm, State Council meeting this weekend in Harrisburg.
- **PDG Butch** - Thank you Jefferson Twp for hosting, and everyone for coming. Have new member joining our club.
- **PDG Karen** - Thank you Jefferson Twp for hosting and the yummy cake. We had a nice turnout at our chicken bbq.
- **PDG Fran** - Thank you Jefferson Twp for all you do and hosting. Enjoy Summer, it's going by too fast.
- **PDG Joe** - Hangin' & Bangin' trying to keep DG Shirley out of trouble, I just helped with a \$40,000 grant for Hillside Playground, if you need help in your community, let me know. Lions of PA gives matching funds, NEPA Lions Service Foundation gives funds without matching. You can use one or both. Honesdale club helped their YMCA with a grant for new roof, Falls helped with a grant for mulch at a children's park. Lion Gordie will work with Joe to get new bullet proof vests for police dept in Hawley.

- 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. Dispersed the \$6,200 in our community, gave to another church and did a luncheon. Getting one new member.
- **ABINGTON** - Music in the Park 8/27 The Wannabes, 9/4 & 9/5 coffee stop on I81 (coffee stop time slots still open, contact Bill Fives)
- **JEFFERSON TWP** - Starting bingo the 2nd Saturday of each month, doors open at noon, starts at 1pm.
- **TUNKHANNOCK** - we have a new member, we have a food truck to use at events and have done several fundraisers with it. Lake Carey Cottages Assn we brought the food trailer and will be going the Sunday before Labor Day with food truck to fair. Also heading to Eynon Archbald Lions Club Car Show/Harvest Festival with food truck.
- **SCOTT TWP** - 8/6 was our Cow Flop it was a great success. Chicken bbq end of October.
- **EYNON ARCHBALD** - 9/26 Car Show/Harvest Fest at AC Field 1-4pm, rain date 9/27

* * *No further business, PDG Butch again thanked Jefferson Twp Lions for hosting the meeting, see you in September on the 10th, 2026 hosted by Minisink Lions, VFW Post 5207, Daleville corners of Rts. 307 & 502, at 6:30pm, always nice getting together and being social with all lions, we are like a family, PDG Karen made a motion to adjourn, Lion Gordie seconded, all in favor, no-one opposed, so carried.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Fran Stepkovitch

Calling all LEO Club Members:



PIN CONTEST!

DESIGN IT. CREATE IT. WEAR IT!

**YOUR DESIGN
COULD BE THE
2027 PENNSYLVANIA
LEO PIN!**

We're looking for original pin designs
that show off your creativity, style,
and passion!



HOW IT WORKS:

-  **1. DESIGN**
Create your original pin design.
-  **2. SUBMIT**
Submit your design by the deadline to MD14 Leo Coordinator Dr. Linda Zaneski at papageantmom@hotmail.com

THE DETAILS

-  **DEADLINE:**
OCTOBER 1, 2026
-  **HINT:**
Make sure you include at least one Washington DC Monument, Memorial or Landmark!
-  **OPEN TO LEO CLUB MEMBERS!**

BE CREATIVE. BE BOLD. LEAVE YOUR MARK.
We can't wait to see what you create!

Abington Lions Club

The Abington Lions Club awarded 4 scholarships to seniors from Abington Heights High School. The presentation was made at the school's annual "Reflections" Awards Program that was held at Constantino's in Clarks Summit.



Above, from left to right...Ella Tourscher who will be attending Bloomsburg University, James Mitchell will attend the University of Colorado Boulder, Lion Rich Winslow, presenter Abington Lions Club, Cayd Sespico will attend Lackawanna College and Sage LaCoe who will attend Susquehanna University.

Hawley Lake Wallenpaupack Lions Club

On August 20th, new member Dave Carroll was inducted into the Hawley Lake Wallenpaupack Lions club by DG Shirley Skinner. Welcome, Dave!

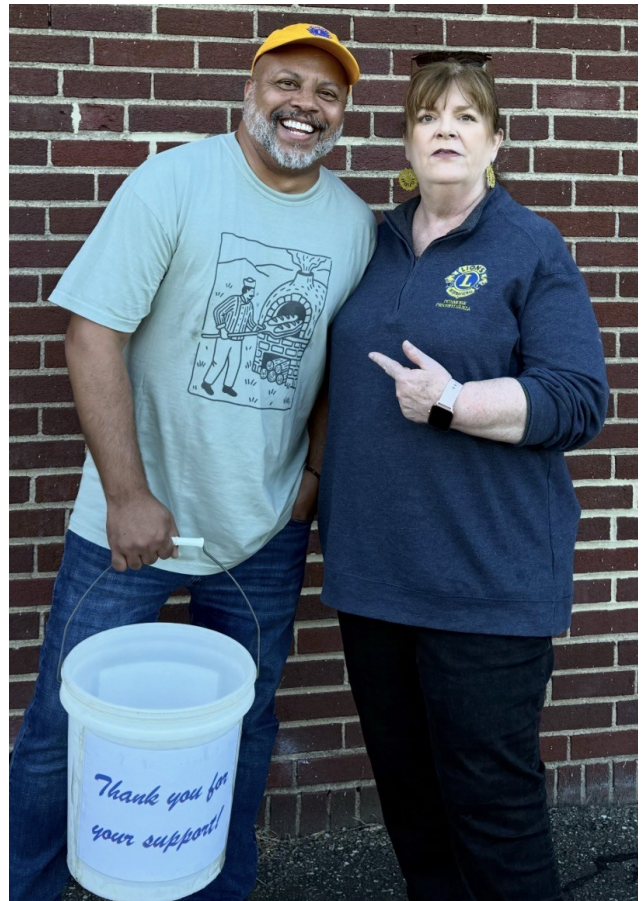
L-R at right: DG Shirley Skinner, Sponsor Lion Patricia Bartleson, new member Lion Dave Carroll.



Dunmore Lions Club

The Dunmore Lions Club held its **White Cane Day collection** at the Dunmore vs. Wyoming Area football game on Friday, August 28th.

The Lions Club will collect once again on the weekend of September 26-27 at St. John Paul II Parish at St. Anthony of Padua Church and St. Mary of Mount Carmel Church and The Presbyterian Church of Dunmore.





Eynon-Archbald Lions Club presents a

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND CAR SHOW

An official Archbald 150th Birthday Celebration Event!



**\$10/
Car**

**ALL
CARS
WELCOME**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

1PM - 4PM

AC FIELD, ARCHBALD

 **Music**

 **Food Trucks**

 **Selfie Station**

 **Games**

 **Raffles**

 **Trophies @ 3pm***

 **Face Painting**

 **Eye Screenings**

*must be present to win

*Rain Date Sunday, September 27

For questions contact
Joe at **717-487-2591**

Falls Lions Club

Come and enjoy an evening with friends and neighbors in this lovely handicapped accessible church we are privileged to borrow for this event. Plan to stay and enjoy your meal in-house, get acquainted with our club and let us know how we can best serve this community we so love. Take-outs are also available, but we would love to visit with you if possible! We are friendly Lions!



Appreciation to our fellow Falls Lions Club members and the Wyoming County game warden for assisting us in the rescue of a majestic bird along route 92.



Jefferson Township Lions Club

Next Bingo is Saturday, September 12, 2026



**JEFFERSON
TOWNSHIP
LIONS CLUB**

CASH BINGO

IS BACK!

★ **TICKETS** ★

	Advance Ticket	\$25
	At The Door	\$30

 **DOORS OPEN
AT NOON!**

★

 **GAMES START
AT 1 PM!**

2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
SEPTEMBER-MAY

 **CASH
PRIZES** |  **PULL-TAB
TICKETS** |  **DOOR
PRIZES** |  **CONCESSIONS
AVAILABLE**

★ **TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE
IN ADVANCE AT THE QR CODE BELOW!** ★

 **JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB**
811 LIONS ROAD, MT COBB, PA

 **FIND US ON FACEBOOK!**
Jefferson TWP. Lions Club – Banquet Hall



North Pocono Minisink Lions Club

Joe Pierangeli recently delivered bikes to a new agency/charity.

The name is Community Outreach For Young Adults At Risk. In the photo is the director of the program, two staff and the young man is a client of the program.

They plan to use our bikes as a mode of transportation to job interviews and transportation to work.



The NP Minisink Lions "Dog Days of Summer" Raffle is winding down with a lot of happy winners, ending on Sept. 1, 2026.

On July 2, 2026 the Lions held their 34th annual Fireworks Extravaganza at the North Pocono Football Stadium. The week was one of the hottest of the summer with the temp on the Event day hitting 96 deg. We had a record crowd and a grand fireworks display. Food and refreshments were provided by the NP Boosters Club, ice cream by Scoopz. Music was provided by The Fabulous 45's. Opening ceremonies by Scouting America Troops 132, 1132 and Cub Pack 126. The National Anthem was performed by Lydia Monroe.



North Pocono Minisink Lions Club

The North Pocono Minisink Lions held their annual Golf Tournament on August 16, 2026 at the Blue Ridge Trail Country Club Golf Course in Dorrance Twp. 20 golf teams were signed up and 18 teams kept their 'spirits' up during a showery afternoon. New Chairman Lion Scott Lenzer & Co-Chair Lion Janelle Decker along with advisors Lions Ron Donati & Donny Brown provided a challenging day followed by a grande buffet in the Club House. Lion Scott provided nature pictures in lieu of frustrated golfers, including one of Lion Scott & annual tournament fan Zach Batzel. Special guests were 4 deer, 16 geese and 4 camera shy turkeys. Great Job Scott and Janelle!



Above, L-R: Zach Batzel, Lion Scott Lenzer



Scott Township Lions Club –Cow Flop—August 8th



DG Shirley Skinner's goals for growth for 2026-2027:

Each club: add two new members

District 14H: add one new club

The kind of Lion we're looking for.

Our clubs thrive with energy, enthusiasm, and positive thinking.

Not negativity. Be a Tigger, not an Eeyore.

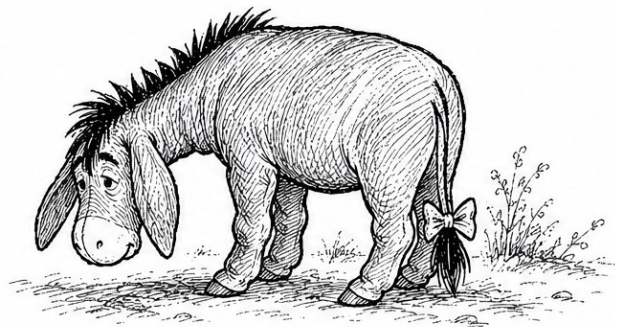


TIGGER

Brings energy and enthusiasm
Sees the possibilities
Shares encouragement
Creates a positive, fun environment
Helps our club bounce higher
Together, we serve better!



**WE SERVE.
WE LEAD.
WE GROW.**



EYORE

Focuses on the negatives
Sees the problems, not the solutions
Spreads discouragement
Drains energy and enthusiasm
Makes it harder to get things done
Let's leave this behind.

Be the kind of Lion who lifts others up and helps our club—and our community—thrive!

Help Eeyores find their bounce. 🐾

POSITIVITY. SERVICE. LEADERSHIP. THAT'S THE LION WAY.

Illustrations by E. H. Shepard from *Winnie-the-Pooh* (1926) and *The House at Pooh Corner* (1928). Now in the Public Domain.

District 14-H Lions Clubs by the numbers

Abington – 27	Mayfield – 14
Benton Township – 17	Minisink – 24
Blakely/Peckville - 12	Minooka - 34
Dalton—12	Montrose - 34
Dunmore – 26	Old Forge - 18
Eynon/Archbald - 63	Olyphant - 27
Falls – 23	Scott Township - 31
Forest City – 19	Scranton - 17
Hawley/Lake Wallenpaupack – 6	South Abington - 6
Honesdale – 64	Stone Bridge/Susquehanna - 20
Jefferson Township – 24	Taylor - 13
Jessup – 16	Tunkhannock - 23
Lake Ariel – 14	Waymart – 14

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

Total = 598 (down 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