

Northeast Lion

District 14H

Monthly Newsletter

October, 2026



Newsletter Editor: Bev Bernoske,
bbernoske@gmail.com, (570) 430-4770, your comments
and suggestions are welcomed! Anyone else missing the
Publisher Application?

Upcoming Meetings:

- **11/15/26: Cabinet Meeting 2** hosted by Benton Twp Club, Fleetville Fire Hall
- **2/28/2027: Cabinet Meeting 3** hosted by Scranton Club and North Abington Club, Groove Brewing, Scranton
- **4/18/2027: 14H Convention**, Coopers Seafood House in Scranton
- **5/13 – 5/16: Lions State Convention**, in Harrisburg, PA
- **June TBD: Cabinet Meeting 4**

Attention all Clubs: 990-N

Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 that are not required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as the 990-N). Please be advised that this filing relates specifically to the 501(c)(4). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.

Please review the Annual Tax Filing information below:
CLICK [HERE](#) for tax filing information

Pennsylvania Lions Club

District 14-H

District Governor's Message

Hi Fellow Lions,

I am getting ready for the cold weather. The lawn furniture has been moved to the basement. Are you preparing?

Updates to the District officers: the new district treasurer is PDG Brian Hamilton, of the Minisink club. PDG Brian comes to our district from district A. We will be sending out Brian's updated address. Thank you, Brian. PDG Fran Stepkovitch, has agreed to take the minutes at district meetings until a Lion steps up to fill the secretary position. PDG Sandra Thubborn, is our GLT, and PDG Cathy Metschulat is our GET, and PCC Mark Kusma is the district administrator.

The new district directory is at the printers and will be available soon. They will be distributed on DG club visits or sent by mail.

I want to let the secretaries know how to enter new club members. If your secretary is not on the portal, please sign up. If you need help let me know. You may also contact members support at LCI: 1-630-468-6900. To enter the new club members, sign into My club, click on members, next line sign into manage members, then add new members.

The next district meeting (open to all district members) will be Sunday, November 15th, 12:00, hosted by the Benton Lions Club. The meeting will be at the Fleetville Fire Hall. There will be sub trays, soda, and water. The rest is potluck. I really enjoy the variety of food.

Remember you can call or email me anytime with questions or problems. I will try to get answers or people with answers. We help each other.

Unite, Serve, Care

DG Shirley Skinner

sasskinner@comcast.net

570-587-2073



Pennsylvania Lions Club

District 14-H

2nd Vice District Governor's Message

Dear Lions,

Lately, I've been reflecting on the value of being a part of an international organization.

As a 'new Lion', I learned how much effort was involved in my club's fundraisers, as well as how much help we are able to extend to individuals and organizations in our community.

Learning about other clubs in our district as I gathered your club reports and photos for our monthly newsletter was another level of discovery. The amount that is achieved by our district is impressive – both in financial donations and in service projects.

As your VDG, I now see many of the activities that span the state of PA.

When you extend the International Lions' reach to the world, our impact is tremendous.

Being a part of a successful worldwide organization has many benefits. For example:

- Most community supporters have heard about the Lions and have greater confidence supporting our projects
- Access to information about projects and fundraisers gives us a great source of ideas – many are available on the portal for our review
- A wealth of training is available – some provided by our State, and a significant amount of training found on the portal

Best of all, we can have fun as we work our projects and we can meet other Lions who are also serving their communities. I encourage you to attend the District Cabinet meeting if you have not done so – it is a great way to meet other Lions and to hear about projects and activities that are happening within the district.

Looking forward to joining Shirley on additional club visits!

Bev Bernoske
Second Vice District Governor
(570) 430-4770



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

Dear Lion,

One of the best things about being a Lion is our service. When we stay grounded in our service, we unlock our club's full potential.

And while service is the most important thing, it's also important that we help every Lion unlock their potential. Offering an inclusive, welcoming club environment, leadership opportunities and opportunities for personal growth helps attract new members and keep all members engaged and enthusiastic.

Lions is a place to serve and grow, and our clubs get stronger and our service gets better when all members make unique contributions based on their skills, interests and passions.

Keep up the great work as we stay Rooted in Service together.

In friendship and service,

Mark S. Lyon
International President

Click [HERE](#) to see IP Mark Lyon's full Newsletter



Message from LCIF Chairperson A.P. Singh

Kindness is at the core of our humanitarian mission. With support from LCIF, Lions and Leos can turn compassion into action and reach more people in moments of need. At the August 2026 LCIF Board of Trustees Meeting, 114 grants totaling more than US\$13.6 million were approved to strengthen service worldwide.

That support is seen in many ways, including our work to help children and families facing cancer. As we recognize Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, I invite you to watch my [special message](#) highlighting how LCIF helps Lions support children facing cancer and their families. Your [donations](#) make this work possible and help Lions and Leos bring hope where it is needed most.

By sharing our impact, we can inspire others to join us and help expand our reach even further.

Click [HERE](#) to view LCIF Chairperson A.P.Singh's full web page on the portal.

District 14H Sight and Hearing Committee – ever wonder what happens to all those eyeglasses you help the district collect?



The photos above were taken on 9/23/2026 – at Lion Gordie’s warehouse, where donated glasses are accumulated. Sorting and packaging for shipment is completed here. Helpers that day included Lion Judy Potratz, Lion Gordie Potratz, DG Shirley Skinner, PDG Joe Skinner, PDG Harold “Butch” Sands, Lion Josie Sands, Lion Barb Taylor, Lion Joan Nixon, Lion Dave Carroll and Lion Pat Bartleson.

16,784 pairs of glasses were sorted and packaged!



Far left photo: Boxed glasses loaded into PDG Butch’s trailer. On 9/24, Butch and Josie drove the boxed eyeglasses to NJ.

Immediate left photo: Butch works with our contact (Jim Spada) at NJLERC (New Jersey Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center) to unload boxes. Our boxes filled up two pallets!



2ND ANNUAL BEACON

Fall Fest

AT PA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP



FALL FUN
FOR EVERYONE!



GAMES &
ACTIVITIES



LOCAL
VENDORS



FOOD &
REFRESHMENTS



FAMILY FRIENDLY
& COMMUNITY FOCUSED



DATE:

OCTOBER 10



TIME:

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM



LOCATION:

PA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP
114 STATE ROUTE 103 SOUTH
MOUNT UNION, PA 17066



Making Memories.
Building Community.
Sharing Hope.



FOR MORE DETAILS:



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REMINDER:

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
Continental Breakfast: Karen Minick
(717) 531-8783

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



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.

Dunmore Lions Club

The Dunmore Lions Club presented a check in the amount of \$9,625.88 to the Dunmore Fire Department through a grant made possible by the Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation. This grant provided Blade Force Nozzles, Hyrdo Force Shutoffs, and an industrial washer. Board of Director for District 14-H NEPA Lions Service Foundation Lion Barbara Taylor joined members of the Dunmore Lions Club and Dunmore Fire Department.



L-R Above: Michael Colangelo, Barbara Taylor, Sean Colangelo, Lt. Kyle Stanton, Larry Waters, Melissa Dworak, Gene DiVizio, Geno Tempesta, and Leo Wentline



Above: Lt. Kyle Stanton and Larry Waters display nozzle.

Dunmore Lions Club

The Needham family recently purchased benches in Dunmore in memory of two firemen: Joseph Needham whose bench is placed at the former Eclipse Fire House on East Drinker Street, and Joseph W. Loughney, Jr. whose bench is placed at the Dunmore Fire Department Headquarters on Pine Street.

Nancy, Catherine, and Joseph Needham joined members of the Dunmore Lions Club last evening to dedicate these benches. We are grateful for their generosity.



Pictured: Gene DiVizio, Sean Colangelo, Geno Tempesta, Catherine Needham, Jim Colangelo, Joseph Needham, Nancy Needham, Leo Wentline, and Michael Colangelo



Catherine, Joseph and Nancy Needham



L-R Above: Michael Colangelo, Geno Tempesta, Gene DiVizio, Catherine Needham, Sean Colangelo, Nancy Needham, Joseph Needham, Leo Wentline, Melissa Dworak, Jim Colangelo

Dunmore Lions Club

Members of St. Anthony's Playground Association gathered to dedicate a bench in memory of association member and long-time President, Donald J. Rinaldi. The bench will be located within St. Anthony's Playground, where he tended, maintained and advocated for many years! We are grateful for the playground's generosity.

Pictured from left:

Maria Tiberry, Dave Fueshko, Denise Fueshko, Lenny Condi, Mary Vincent, Mike Coar, Myron Fedor, and Mike Angerson.



SCOTT TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB YEARLY CHICKEN

Bar-B-Q – Tickets available from any member – or at Boyarsky's Tavern – exit 199 off Route 81. \$15 a dinner.

Pick up Saturday October 24th

Scott Township Lions Club



The Greenfield Township Playground project has started!

The Scott Club received a matching grant from the Lions of PA Foundation. This grant, along with the NEPA Lions Service Foundation grant, and a donation from our club, enables us to begin the playground addition we have been looking forward to. **Above photo, L-R:** Lion Jerry Boyarsky, Scott Secretary Lion Bev Bernoske, Scott Treasurer Lion Dave Nicoteri, PDG Bill Metschulat (Board member of the Lions of PA Foundation), and Scott President Lion Paul Setzer.



Pictured to the left, L-R:

Greenfield Township Playground Director Ed Lubash, Scott Secretary Lion Bev Bernoske, Scott Treasurer Lion Dave Nicoteri.

Taylor Lions Club

Taylor Fire and Rescue (TFR) was recently awarded a \$15,000 grant by the Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation (NEPALSF), which in conjunction with additional grants awarded by the Lions Of Pennsylvania Foundation (LOPF) (Taylor

Lions Club) and Taylor Recycling and Walmart, will be used for the purchase and equipping of an off-road utility vehicle (UTV) to perform rugged terrain search and rescue as well as fire suppression. We truly appreciate those who made this possible.



Shown are front row, left to right: Sandra Thubborn, Secretary/Treasurer Taylor Lions Club and Past District Governor Lions Club District 14-H; John Thubborn, Taylor Lions Club Official; Chris Kuratnick, President of TFR accepting check from Lion Ted Praschak, President of Taylor Lions Club; John Harrison, Chief Engineer, TFR; and Bill Metchulat, Past District Governor Lions Club District 14-H, representing Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation. Second row: Firefighter Logan Gilchrist; Rescue Captain Wesley Jones; Firefighter/EMS Captain Wade Kapelanovich; Firefighter Michael Belottii; Firefighter, TFR Board Member George Aulisio; Firefighter John Mochan

Jefferson Lions Club



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB Event Hall

AVAILABLE FOR RENT

A Great Space for Your Next Event!



FRIDAY • SATURDAY • SUNDAY Full Day Rental \$250	MONDAY – THURSDAY Hourly Rental \$25 per hour (2 hour minimum)	Special Pricing for nonprofit benefits and bereavements for North Pocono School District and Western Wayne School District residents or organizations.	
 Holds up to 160 People	 Tables & Chairs Included	 Full Kitchen Available	 Additional Charge for Use of the Range



For additional information or to reserve a date contact
570-689-9701



or connect with us on Facebook Messenger at
Jefferson Twp. Lions Club – Banquet Hall

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North Pocono Minisink Lions Club

On August 29, 2026 ShopRite of Daleville held their annual Fundraiser Chicken BBQ & Car Show at the Shopping Center complex. The North Pocono Minisink Lions Club helped their Major Sponsor by selling 50-50 Raffle tickets. All parking spaces between the plazas were filled with classic cars, street customs, muscle cars, antiques and hot rods. The Chicken BBQ had a line of customers all afternoon and for \$10 received a half chicken with all the fixings. The day was perfectly warm and sunny. During the event the NP Minisink Lions presented ShopRite with a \$500 donation check. All of the day's proceeds support "Partners in Caring" and local Food Pantrys.

Pictured L to R: Lions Tony Seidita, Donny Brown, Tanya Buddin (ShopRite), Deb Petty (ShopRite, accepting check), Lions Joe Sabie (Club Pres.), Joe Pierangeli, Frank Bonacci and Jim Strempek, (Ron Reid absent when pic was taken).



Scranton Lions Club



Thank You, Scranton Lions Club Dream Game!

The Lackawanna Blind Association is deeply grateful to the Scranton Lions Club for their generous \$10,000 donation from the 92nd Annual Dream Game in support of our mission.

We are especially honored by this longstanding partnership. The Lackawanna Blind Association has been a recipient of Dream Game proceeds since 1934, and since 1996, the Scranton Lions Club has raised nearly \$400,000 through this incredible community tradition to support our organization.

The Dream Game is also recognized as the longest-running Dream Game in the country, a testament to the enduring generosity and spirit of our community. This generosity has helped us provide essential programs, services, and opportunities that empower individuals who are blind or visually impaired throughout Northeastern Pennsylvania.

To the Lions Club, Dream Game participants, volunteers, sponsors, and fans: thank you for your unwavering commitment to making a difference. Your support continues to change lives and strengthen our community.

DISTRICT 14-H Sight & Hearing Committee
Minutes September 10th, 2026 ~ ~ Hosted by North Pocono Minisink Lions
at VFW, Daleville, PA

PRESENT: PDG Butch Sands, Lion Josie Sands, PDG Karen Cokely, PDG Fran Stepkovitch, DG Shirley Skinner, PDG Joe Skinner, PDG Bill Metschulat, Lion Jim Strempek, Lion Frank Bonacci, Lion Donny Brown, Lion Glenn Czulada, Lion Joe Sabie, Lion Joe Pierangeli, Lion Brian Hamilton

PDG Butch Sands opened the meeting at 7:00pm, (break for food was earlier), by welcoming everyone, thanks to Minisink Lions for hosting, great food and lead the Pledge of Allegiance, thank you for coming and appreciate all you do. Lion Jim Strempek welcomed everyone to North Pocono Minisink thank you for coming. We have been busy helping at Bill's Shop Rite bbq and car show, did a 50/50. All proceeds go to our partners in caring, local food pantries. Lion Glenn does eyeglasses and exams and we help those in need. Our bike recycle program run by Lion Joe Pierangeli with over 300 bikes, delivered 292 bikes to cancer society, women's resource center and other places to help those in need. Others do this program and charge, our club does it free of charge. Lion Joe Pierangeli thanked our foundations for their support for this bike program. October we do our White Cane Collection, Adopt A Highway 10/17, Lion Tony Seidita will be doing our new calendar raffle coming soon, we donate to the food pantries in December, we welcomed our new member Lion Brian Hamilton and more.

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 DG Shirley Skinner, all in favor, no-one opposed, so carried.

- - **Hearing Treasurer's report:** PDG Karen Cokely
Opening/Closing Balance is - \$2,907.25 - No changes

PDG Karen is still waiting to hear back from Waymart Lions Club, working with Lion Dave from club for application. No other correspondence, applications or bills.

PDG Joe Skinner made a motion to accept Hearing Treasurer's Report, seconded by Lion Jim Strempek, all in favor, no-one opposed, so carried.

- - **Sight Treasurer's report:** Lion Barbara Taylor (absent)
Opening/Closing Balance is \$10,266.19 - No changes

PDG Butch gave info from Lion Barbara, she received info for 2 young people that need help, CHIP doesn't cover all costs for them (families) and need aid for balance for their eyeglasses. PDG Butch stated that if hearing aid treasurer account gets low, we use monies from the sight account.

No other applications, bills or correspondence.

A motion to accept the Sight Treasurer's Report by Lion Jim Strempek, seconded by Lion Joe Sabie, all in favor, no-one opposed, so carried.

- OLD BUSINESS -

Finalized by-laws from PCC Mark Kusma, tabled to October meeting to have hard copy to approve. DG Shirley requested to get PCC Mark to get by laws finalized soon.

KidSight - PDG Bill stated PDG Cathy has schedule ready for the new school year, PDG Fran gave her the 3rd camera for the schools, will resume Day Care screening when she gets the camera back after completion of school schedule. PDG Fran and Lion Erin did vision screening at Little Visionaries in Eynon. 40+ children all pass, 2 eye appt recommended.

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, she does have her child clearances.

- 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

2026 MEETINGS - **October** hosted by Eynon Archbald (confirmed), at Breaker Brewing Outpost, **November** none. (All held on the second Thursday of the month). 6:30pm start, Watch emails for changes or updates. Anyone can attend our meetings, you don't have to be a member of the hosting club to join us, all are always welcome.

EYEGLASSES / HEARING AIDS

FALLS - 35 eyeglasses

MINISINK - 1420 eyeglasses

JEFFERSON TWP - 300+ eyeglasses

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

* They do take regular and prescription sunglasses for recycling, broken frames ok, no single lenses.

* Several asked, Eyeglass cases any use for them - some districts have made first aide kits using them.

PDG Comments -

- **DG Shirley** - 11/14 or 11/15 next district meeting, Benton hosting. Feb 14 or 15 ,meeting hosted by Scranton Club and PDG Dave Barrett at Groove Brewing, April Convention will be at Cooper's, June final meeting (date & place tbd). Setting up visits with all clubs, still in need of a District Treasurer.

- **PDG Butch** - Thank you Minisink for hosting, and everyone for coming. We just had our food trailer at Harford truck show and heading to Eynon Archbald 9/26 for car show/harvest festival. As DG Shirley mentioned we do need help with our district, you can see most attendance are PDG's.
- **PDG Karen** - Thank you Minisink for hosting, I was asked to talk at our local active adult center and speak about Leader Dog, also mentioned all our other programs and all were surprised everything lions do. I was asked to go back again with more info.
- **PDG Fran** - Thank you Minisink for all you do and hosting. Any local day cares, give them my info for vision screenings.
- **PDG Joe** - working with South Abington, they have equipment for bingo, working with PCC Mark to get turkey and other bingos going again. I would like to see bus trip with district for a show or rodeo, we used to go to Broome County Arena for both.
- **PDG Bill** - Thank you Minisink, PDG Cathy is working on adding more schools to our screening schedule, several schools have purchased their own spot screener.

- GOOD OF THE DISTRICT -

- **MINISINK** - recycle bicycle program, adopt a highway clean up, donate to food pantry, recycle and collect eyeglasses, calendar raffle and more.
- **ABINGTON** - getting new member Jessica Miller, good with computers
- **JEFFERSON TWP** - monthly bingo the 2nd Saturday of each month, doors open at noon, starts at 1pm. Planning our free Thanksgiving meal soon, helping a member put in new set of stairs.
- **TUNKHANNOCK** - we have a new member, we have a food trailer to use at events and have done several fundraisers with it, just did Harford tractor pull and heading to Eynon Archbald Lions Club Car Show/Harvest Festival with food truck 9/26. 12/12 Chicken & biscuit dinner, bring an unwrapped children's gift, St Patricks Day Parade 3/13/27, we had a great turnout last year, used the big trailer.
- **EYNON ARCHBALD** - 9/26 Car Show/Harvest Fest at AC Field 1-4pm, rain date 9/27, Adopt A Highway clean up in October, Save the date for Our Snowflake Gala, 1/22/27 & 1/22/28 at Fiorelli's
- **FALLS** - got 2 new members, excited one was a Leo - Lake Winola Methodist Church 9/26 from 4-6pm 9/26

*** * *No further business, PDG Butch again thanked Minisink Lions for hosting the meeting, see you in October on the 8th, 2026 hosted by Eynon Archbald Lions, at Breaker Brewing Outpost 192 Sturges Rd., Archbald at 6:30pm, always nice getting together and being social with all lions, we are like a family, PDG Joe made a motion to adjourn, Lion Joe Pierangeli seconded, all in favor, no-one opposed, so carried.**

Minutes submitted by Secretary Fran Stepkovitch

District 14-H Lions Clubs by The Numbers

Abington – 25	Benton Township – 17
Blakely/Peckville - 12	Dalton—12
Dunmore – 26	Eynon/Archbald - 63
Falls – 23	Forest City – 19
Hawley/Lake Wallenpaupack – 6	Honesdale – 64
Jefferson Township – 24	Jessup – 17
Lake Ariel – 17	Mayfield – 14
Minisink – 24	Minooka - 34
Montrose - 33	Old Forge - 18
Olyphant - 27	Scott Township - 30
Scranton - 16	South Abington - 6
Stone Bridge/Susquehanna - 21	Taylor - 13
Tunkhannock - 23	Waymart – 14

Total = 598 (same count as last month – some up, some down)

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

