Northeast Lion District 14H Monthly Newsletter

November 2026





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
- **5/13/2027 – 5/16/2027: Lions State Convention,** in Harrisburg, PA
- **6/13/2027: Cabinet Meeting 4** hosted by Scott Twp Club, Greenfield Fire Hall



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Pennsylvania Lions Club
District 14-H
District Governor's Message

Hi Fellow Lions,

Hope everyone had a fun Halloween. We had 20 trick-and-treaters at our home, always enjoy seeing them.

The name and address of our new District Treasurer, PDG Brian Hamilton, is PO Box 263, Gouldsboro, Pa 18424.

The next district meeting (open to all district Lions) 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. Please let me know how many will be coming and what you have decided to bring.

Remember to wear your Lion shirt when out. This will advertise your club and get people asking questions about who you represent. May even bring in a new member. Put your events on social media, make lions visible.

Try to get your club members signed on to the lions portal. Everyone can use the portal for information on the club and training. The more you explore on the portal the easier it is to use.

We are looking for people to step up in the club and district leadership. Always looking for new members. We need younger members with computer skills to spread the word, Lions.

Hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving. Travel safe and enjoy your family.

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

Unite, Serve, Care
DG Shirley Skinner
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570-587-2073

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

Hello, Lions:

I have had the pleasure of meeting with many clubs in the past month. I accompany DG Shirley to as many DG Visits as I can fit in my calendar. Clubs have extended warm welcomes to us.

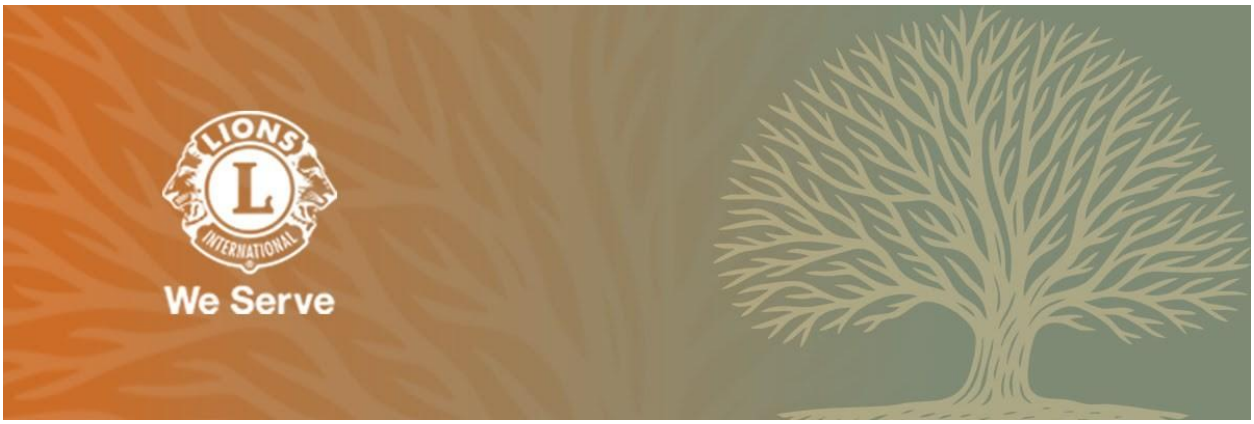
It is inspiring to hear about all the different club projects. It helps me get ready to be in the DG role by seeing how Shirley shares information about the district and about Lions Club International. Sometimes, there is information shared that will directly help clubs with some of their needs. It also helps us to understand both the challenges and the successes that clubs are experiencing. Our job is to help each club succeed.

More clubs are establishing Facebook pages, documenting their activities. This helps spread the word to our communities about the ways Lions are contributing.

As your District Newsletter Editor, I try to add updates from club Facebook pages to the newsletter. Sometimes I may need to choose which activities to add (when there are many of them). I also may have to choose which pictures to include. Please do send me an email to advise which activities are most important to you to include – and which photos are most important. It is nice when I receive these emails from clubs which include the names of those in the photos to be able to add that information. If I don't get directions from you, I will do the best I can to add your information to the newsletter.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Lion Bev Bernoske
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President's Message: Rooted in Service with International President Mark S. Lyon

Dear Lion,

Service is how we contribute to our communities — but let's take it one step further. Let's share our stories and make our clubs more visible through marketing and advocacy.

As you serve, tell others about the incredible work you do. When we show how our service impacts the community, we can expand our reach, attract more Lions and community partners, and serve even more people.

You and your club are changing lives through acts of service, big and small. So don't keep it a secret! Let others know why it's great to be a Lion and watch your club — and your service — grow.

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

In recognition of World Sight Day earlier this month, we celebrate the extraordinary difference Lions and Leos are making to protect and restore sight around the world, empowered by our global foundation.

Watch my special video message about Lions' work in vision, made possible through LCIF grants, programs and partnerships. Then, read on to discover how our service is making a difference and explore grant opportunities to help you expand our collective impact in your own community.

This life-changing work is possible because of your kindness and commitment to serving others. Please consider making a donation to LCIF today and invite fellow humanitarians to join us in service and expand our reach even further. Together, we can help more people see a brighter future.

Click HERE to view LCIF Chairperson A.P.Singh's full web page on the portal.

Pennsylvania MD-14 Fall Leadership Symposium: October 3rd, Harrisburg

The Fall Leadership Symposium offered sessions on club growth and retention, ways to increaes the visibility of the contributions made by Lions, a good overview of Kidsight with a chance to use the screening camera, and several other sessions that were very well done. The photo below shows attendees from 14-H (L-R) DG Shirley Skinner, PDG Cathy Metschulat and VDG Bev Bernoske.





Photo above: Our very own PDG Dave Barrett at the Fall Symposium at the Pa Lions State Office in Harrisburg. He shared with a group of Lions from across East and Central Pa a presentation on learning how to increase partnership with the community, understand needs, and assess you club's strength and weaknesses.

PA Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation

PA Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation held a seminar Saturday, October 24 at Hershey Medical Center. Lions members from District 14-K held a Journey for Sight Walk in June and October and a Red Robin Fundraiser. They presented the Foundation with a check for $5411.

Pictured below, L-R: PDG Deb Keeports 14-D, PDG Geoff Temple, Secretary 14-B, Lion Dr. Kenneth Savitski, Chairman 14-H, Lion Kathy Fenstermacher, Chairman of fundraiser 14-K, PID Bob Miller, Treasurer 14-U, and PDG/VDG1 Deborah Lillegard.

Lion Kathy challenged the multipal districts to see what they can do.



USA Canadian Lions Leadership Forum “Hold the Date”. Click HERE view more information and newsletters that include coverage about this year’s 50th in Memphis.

SEPTEMBER 16 – 18, 2027

HUNTSVILLE

ROCKET CITY

USA/Canada LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

Join Lions from across the U.S. and Canada as we gather in Huntsville, Alabama, to discover new ideas, strengthen friendships, and return home inspired to make an even greater impact. This is more than a conference. *It’s a launch point.*

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Larry DeLucas
Astronaut, Optometrist



Katie Stagliano-Rios
Katie's Krops



Manoj Shah
International President



Mark Lyon
LCIF Chairperson



Jay Blake
Follow A Dream

YOUR FORUM EXPERIENCE

- More than 80 seminars designed to help Lions grow at every level
- Hands-on service projects that make a meaningful impact
- The Strides Walk for diabetes awareness and fundraising
- A Forum Store filled with unique Lions apparel and merchandise—bring an extra suitcase!
- Exhibits showcasing innovative ideas, resources, and products
- Opportunities to meet and mingle with Lions International officers and directors
- Pre- and post-Forum private tours that transform your trip into a mini-vacation

Explore Tours

WHAT YOU’LL TAKE HOME

New leadership ideas
Practical strategies you can put into action right away.

New friends from across North America
Connections with Lions from the United States, Canada, and beyond!

Practical tools for your club
Resources and solutions to help your club grow and thrive.

New service project and fundraising ideas
New and unique ways to make an even bigger impact in your community and around the world.

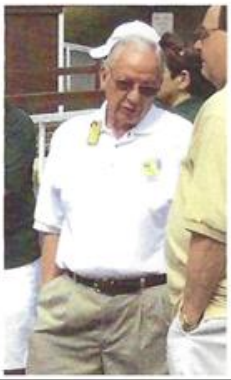
Register Today!
www.LionsForum.org
605-723-4007

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

"500 Club"

"365" Club

The 365 Club was originally started by PDG Cliff Martin of District 14-E. He proposed this as a member of the Beacon Lodge Board in 1991. The first person to sign up signed in March of 1992. The idea was a penny a day for 365 days. This would garner $3.65 per Lion member across the state. The money was used to offset maintenance costs of the camp. Over its lifetime the "365" Club raised nearly $450,000.00 for Beacon Lodge.



"500" Club.

Late in 2007 or early in 2008, the "365" Club became the "500" Club. The number of Lions in the state had been decreasing and the thought was that $5.00 would be a good amount to collect. Since the name change, the "500" Club has been able to raise over $500,000.00 for the camp.

Dear Lions and Leos of District 14-H,

This is the time of year that we ask you to please support the ***"Beacon Lodge 500 Club"***. This is an opportunity for each Lion and Leo to make a personal contribution to help with maintenance costs and repairs of Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp.

The "500 Club" is based on a ***$5.00*** donation per member per year. The Lions and Leo Clubs in the state of Pennsylvania continue to embrace the Lions motto "***We Serve***". We encourage all clubs to consider 100% participation in this important fundraiser.

Please make the ***checks payable*** to the ***Beacon Lodge 500 Club***

DO NOT MAIL CHECKS DIRECTLY TO THE BEACON LODGE CAMP

Please *mail* the checks by *January 31st* to your Districts Board Member:

PDG Bill (2010-present) or

PDG Cathy (2014-present) Metschulat

9 Elmdale Court, Jefferson Twp., PA 18436

w.metschulatsr@yahoo.com or c.metschulat@outlook.com

**District 14-H: Please note that when donating for Our 14-H Cabin, to make sure that the check reflects that it is strictly for our cabin by writing on the memo line "District 14-H Cabin's Maintenance Fund". Otherwise, unfortunately, it will go into the camp's general fund. Thank you!

Blakely-Peckville Lions Club

On October 3rd, District Governor Shirley Skinner and Vice DG Bev Bernoske visited the Blakely-Peckville club. We celebrated several service anniversaries and heard about service projects that are being held.



Pictured above: DG Shirley Skinner presented Geraldine Hughes-Tarby with a 30 year Chevron award! Other award recipients not pictured were: Dr. Joseph Ercolani Jr – 45 years, Fernando Santarelli – 20 years, and Jeanette Mariani – 20 years.

Dunmore Lions Club

The Dunmore Lions Club held its White Cane Day collection at St. John Paul II Parish at St. Anthony of Padua Church and St. Mary of Mt Carmel Church and The Dunmore Presbyterian Church in Dunmore before all masses and services. We are grateful for the generosity!













LIONS
WHITE CANE DAY
IS SIGHT CONSERVATION DAY

Dunmore Lions Club

The Dunmore Lions Club gathered for their October dinner meeting at Case Quattro Winery in Peckville. Members and spouses enjoyed a wonderful evening and a great buffet dinner.



HOLD THE DATE: Friday, March 19, 2027

Lions Day at the United Nations

New York, New York, USA

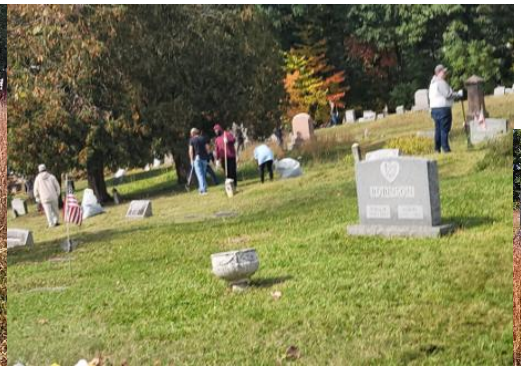
Registration is not yet open – more information to come in next month's newsletter

Eynon Archbald Lions Club

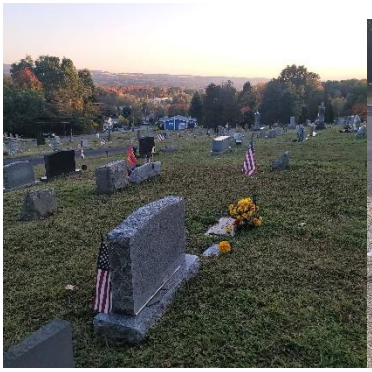
Saturday, October 10th, we witnessed an incredible show of community spirit as volunteers from the MTF organization of Jessup teamed up with our Eynon-Archbald Lions Club to revitalize the beloved Sunset Cemetery in Archbald. With boundless enthusiasm and plenty of smiles, they managed to gather and clear out more than 40 bags of yard waste and truly transformed the area. It's remarkable to see so many community members, about 38 to 45 volunteers, who show up with their own rakes, mowers, and trimmers, all eager to contribute to giving this resting place the care it deserves.















Falls Lions Club



DG Shirley Skinner and VDG Bev Bernoske had a warm welcome from the Falls Club on 10/19/26!



Falls Lion of the year: Nancy Smith



Beautiful and delicious cake made and decorated by Antoinette Parulis



DG Shirley installs Lion Arthur Coolbaugh as Falls VP.



DG Shirley presents Ron Jackson with a 15 year Chevron award.



Falls welcomes 4 new members! L-R: Falls President Ray Bartolai, new members: Jon Eaton, Kailey Rocker, Emily Baldauff and Nick Baldauff, and DG Shirley Skinner. Welcome & congratulations!

Forest City Lions Club

At the Forest City Lions club meeting on 10/26/26, DG Shirley Skinner presented Chevron awards to 3 Lions. Congratulations to our following members who have been consistently showing up and helping the Forest City Community shown below (L-R): Anthony Dellaquila - Serving 10 years, DG Shirley Skinner, Suzanne Brainard - Serving 20 years, and Fran Graytock... 35 YEARS!



FOREST CITY LIONS CLUB

Pancake, Sausage, Egg Breakfast

SUNDAY

November 8, 2026

8:00 am to noon

ELEGANTE RESTAURANT

Main Street • Forest City, PA

$10.00 Adult

$5.00 Children under 12

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL LIONS CLUB

Falls Lions Club

Falls Lions Club Community Clean Up , led by Amazing Falls Lion Frank Gudman Co-chaired by Arthur Coolbaugh and Tina Seidel. The cleanup was done in partnership with the NEPAG Geocachers








Falls Lions Club Trunk & Treat

The NEPAG Geocachers and Falls Lions pulled together on the spot to pull the trunk or treat off with the loss of 2 "trunks", and Marie as coordinator. Marie's nephew let us decorate his truck off the cuff and Angel Spencer, Jon Eaton and Kailey Rocker were amazing decorators while the rest of us there pulled together to get the rest set up.



Jefferson Lions Club

A beautiful day to be out and help clean up 348. 14 bags and extra debris just from Lions Road to Golf Club Road. Thank you to the volunteers and everyone who slowed down and moved over!











Montrose Lions Club



On October 20th, DG Shirley Skinner and VDG Bev Bernoske visited the Montrose club. The following picture was shared, of a paper mache lion that rides in the 4th of July parade every year. The Montrose Lions Club and the Kiwanis Club have been bringing this parade together for years. If you have never attended, it is a "must see"!



Many Lion Chevrons were presented by Shirley:

Thomas Pascoe (55 yrs), Mark Caterson (50 yrs), Earle Wootton (50 yrs), David Wilcox (35 yrs), Craig Owens (20 yrs), Todd Smith (20 yrs). New member Jack Maynard was welcomed.

Scott Township Lions Club

The Scott Township Chicken Barbeque dinner sale was very successful, thanks to all who helped out and to all the ticket buyers.



Pictured above (L-R): PDG Gene Scagliotti, friend of the Lions Becky Keen, Lion Chris Holgate and Lion Dave Makala.

GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP PLAYGROUND UPDATE: The ADA accessible swing, pictured below, has been installed at the playground. This is part of our ongoing project which is sponsored by the Scott Township Club, and grants from the NEPA Lions Service Foundation and the Lions of PA Foundation.



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 – 21	Mayfield – 14
Minisink – 25	Minooka - 34
Montrose - 34	Old Forge - 18
Olyphant - 27	Scott Township - 30
Scranton - 16	South Abington - 6
Stone Bridge/Susquehanna - 21	Taylor - 13
Tunkhannock - 23	Waymart – 14

Total = 604 (up 6 from last month)

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

