

# DISTRICT 14-E NEWSLETTER WESTMORELAND COUNTY



Monthly Newsletter Edition  
October | 2020

## District Governor's Message



Happy October Lions,

Where does the time go? Summer is over and now we can think about Fall. What a pretty time of the year. I am hoping that we can still do some “trick or treating” or even some “trick or trunking”. Speaking of fall fun, I hope to see as many of you come out on October 25<sup>th</sup> to the District Halloween Party. You can come in costume or just come for some good old fashioned fun and fellowship, enjoy some good food, fun games and maybe even some square dancing!! Mark the date—October 25<sup>th</sup> at Alwine Civic Center from 2-5pm.

If you are looking to help grow and strengthen your club, please reach out to me or PDG Charlie McGrew, because NAMI is right up your alley! We are still looking for more lions to step up and think outside of the box. Today's times are changing and we must adjust ....much like the changes in the seasons...as our days are getting shorter, and we adapt.

Some service ideas for you all to keep in mind...have a food drive, white cane collection (if you are permitted to do so in your areas), read books to children at the local library, vision screenings at the schools or local libraries. We also need to keep those in our prayers that have recently suffered severe losses as a result of the devastating hurricanes in the south. We will be holding a supply drive to help provide relief to Louisiana. More details will be forthcoming from PDG Tom Gregg & PDG Lance Remic, so please take note and help those in need as Lions do.

With Fall arriving, we all know that means Mass Induction is coming soon. 2VDG Tony has sent out the notices and the reservation forms. Sponsors, please reach out to your new members and get your reservations sent in as soon as possible. The event will be held at Lakeview again this year with social distancing and masks as a requirement. Our guest speaker for the evening will be our current Council Chair (PDG) Marilyn Wagner and her Partner in Service, PDG Steve Wagner. I hope to see a good turn out of new members, sponsors and Lions in general this year.

Special Reminder, for clubs that have not paid their District, State and International dues, please get them in as there will be a special election held in November due to the cancellation of the State Convention and the International Convention, and if your club's dues are not paid, those who would otherwise be eligible to vote will be unable to do so. Also, please remember that District Donations can be submitted at any time—the form is available in each newsletter, on the District Website, or from me.

One other reminder is of the Fall Leadership Symposium. It will be held on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-6p at Alwine Civic Center. This is a great opportunity to meet other Lions from the state and to enhance your knowledge of Lions. Additional details will be forthcoming, and if you are interested, please let me know as soon as possible.

I have been really enjoying my club visits so far this year. I have been welcomed with open arms and good food and fellowship. I love the opportunity to visit with you all and get brought up to date on what your club is doing. There are a few clubs who have asked to reschedule the in person visits. Please let me know when you want to reschedule or if your club would like to have the visit completed via Zoom. This is a great new opportunity to keep in contact, but yet stay safe.

One last thing....service, service, service...I cannot stress the importance of continuing your service and or finding alternative ways to serve your communities during this pandemic. Remember, we are all adapting to the changes around us, and it certainly cannot hurt to try something new, or to try something that was attempted in the past. If you don't try it, you will not know if it will work or not. Perhaps an online flea market, or an online apple dumpling sale, or online ticket sales, or a virtual run/walk. And remember to report your service and fundraising activities in MyLion. If you are not able to do so, please send your information to me, or directly to Lion Denise Poole who is our District Administrator and it will be entered for you.

Yours in Service,  
DG Chuck



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**[News.lions14e@gmail.com](mailto:News.lions14e@gmail.com)**



## IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Fellow Lions,

As committee chairs for the Eye Glass Collection for the District, we are respectfully asking that you please hold all donations at this time.

As a result of the pandemic, the research/recycling department at the University of Pittsburgh has placed a hold on accepting donations at this time & the storage facility where we are currently housing the glasses is at capacity. They fully expect to resume accepting donations late summer/early fall.

**When this program resumes, it has been requested that cases not be included with donations.**

Your understanding & cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours in Service,  
Lions John & Alice Heasley

## North America Membership Initiative





# NORTH AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE

NAMI has **4** objectives which drive towards  
a single goal:

**Increasing the number of Lions in  
the US & Canada (CAI).**

**1** Rejuvenate  
Districts with  
New Clubs

## **EXTEND THE SERVICE IMPACT AREA**

This is where Districts will be able to use resources such as Community Needs Assessment, Branch Clubs, the Join Together program and others to build new clubs in areas where there is a need, but no service force

## **INCREASE THE NUMBER OF HANDS DOING SERVICE WORK**

New members in clubs means new ideas and new potential leaders. And of course, remember that for each new member, on average another 70 people can be positively impacted.

Revitalize  
clubs with new  
members

**2**

**3** Re-motivate  
members

## **LEARN WHAT BRINGS OUT THE PASSION, DO THAT**

Sometimes just mixing things up will bring out the excitement of why members became a Lion in the first place. It comes with engagement, empowerment and making sure members are satisfied with new fellowships and exciting service.

## **EDUCATE MEMBERS ON POSITION IMPORTANCE**

This objective is all about helping members learn about the importance of each position within the Lion Club team and providing training so they are comfortable stepping into that next role, having their voice heard, and being an active member.

Leader  
Support

**4**

## **NONE OF THIS IS POSSIBLE WITH OUT YOU!**

As with anything, success will depend on you. As a member, Lions are the driving force that will help LCI remain the largest service organization for the next 100+ years. To do this, empowered members must affirm to become a part of the growth. With this new initiative, more resources are available to help each of us as members, our clubs and our Districts to be successful. It now more than ever more than just a water-cooler conversation, it is action happening. And we want you to be right there in the middle of it, part of the foundation and part of the building.



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT NAMI, THE DISTRICT GOALS, ACTIONS  
AND MULTIPLE CLUB AND MEMBER RESOURCES, VISIT:  
[HTTPS://LIONSCLUBS.ORG/EN/NAMI](https://lionsclubs.org/en/nami)  
FACEBOOK @LIONS NORTH AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP  
INITIATIVE (NAMI)



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## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Message:

My Fellow Lions,

As I have been visiting the District clubs with DG Chuck Thompkins and his Partner in Service, Zone Chair, Amy Thompkins, I have enjoyed meeting all of the members. I have learned a lot from each club.

I am also very impressed with the number of awards that DG Chuck has been honored to present, especially the many attendance awards. So many of you Lions have faithfully attended meetings for years, and your dedication and loyalty are impressive.

Also, it is rewarding to see how many clubs have continued with their activities and fundraising activities, albeit in a different manner.

Some clubs are even planning their Christmas festivities as well.

Again, I ask that you please participate in any activities that you can. Also, if you need my help or support, please call me.

Yours in Lionism,

Margie Wolff  
1st VDG



**Chestnut Ridge Lions Club**  
**Apple Dumpling Days**  
**OCTOBER 10-11**  
**12 noon - 6 pm**  
or until sold out

**Proceeds benefit community projects**

**LIONS INTERNATIONAL**

**BRADY'S RESTAURANT**  
**Acme, PA**

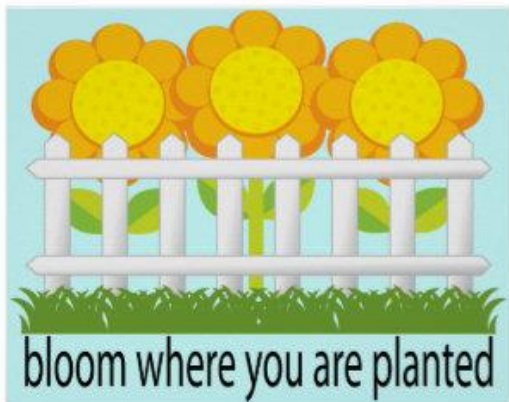
## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Message:

“Why would I want to go to the Mass Induction Ceremony?” Now that is a good question and some of you lions just might be asking it. Some of you probably don’t know what the Mass Induction is and others may be questioning its value. Why should we gather all the new members of this last year, have a speaker, eat dinner and then induct all these young lions? Add to that it is a formal affair costing twenty-seven dollars and it’s understandable some folks will be put off. I will concede all that yet still tell you the Mass Induction can be a moving and meaningful.

It especially meaningful for those new lions as it provides them with a keen sense of the scope and range of the organization they have just joined. These new lions will begin to see their horizons broadened **beyond** their local clubs and communities and gain greater appreciation for the difference the presence of the Lions Club makes. These new members will remember this evening and leave with a renewed sense of purpose. All these new lions will be encouraged and will know that just being a lion makes a difference in this world.

Indeed it is not only meaningful for these new lions but for all other lions there. It is always good to be reminded that the Lions Club is the largest service organization in the world. It is good to gather with other lions and it is good to celebrate our common purpose. Showing up also demonstrates great support for these new lions and assures them of the fellowship they will enjoy. And here’s an idea; if some find the cost prohibitive why not subsidize the cost for those new lions? It’s a good night and I look forward to being with my fellow lions.

2VDG Tony



### **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS INFO**

PLEASE FORWARD ALL NEWSLETTER ITEMS NO LATER  
THAN the 27<sup>th</sup> OF EACH MONTH!!!!

Forward them to: Lisa Gismondi

Email: [lsgis67@gmail.com](mailto:lsgis67@gmail.com)

**PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!!!!!!**

# WOMEN AND FAMILIES IN LIONS

The International Day of Peace ("Peace Day") is observed around the world each year on **21 September**. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations Union, Peace Day provides a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences and to contribute to building a Culture of Peace. The theme this year is Shaping Peace Together by working to strengthen the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. Violence has become daily news, and this is affecting attitudes and behavior for our youth and families. (Accessed from Internet: September 23, 2020, <https://internationaldayofpeace.org/>)

The Lions International Vision is to be a global leader in community and humanitarian service. This is a golden opportunity to invite friends and families to take an active role by joining your Lion's Club. Plan a peace poster project and invite friends to participate. Perhaps you have another idea of how to engage new members during this important date in September! Explain to your friends the value of volunteer service to their communities and honor each one's unique set of talents and the value they may bring to your club and their community. Help them understand how the Lions work to meet humanitarian needs and encourage peace and promote international understanding to create change, which may have a domino effect in your community. Fall offers cool mornings and great evenings for an outdoor get-together. Working to empower volunteers to serve their communities to meet humanitarian needs, will provide them with a sense of satisfaction that they are making a difference during these times of strife and unrest.

More information about the International Lions Peace Poster Contest may be found at:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster> In addition, here are some other ideas I found while browsing the web,

## Peace, Love, & Crafts: 10 Projects for Peace Day

1. Painted Peace Rocks.
2. Easy Yarn Dreamcatcher.
3. Peace Sign Coloring Page.
4. Fingerprint Peace Dove.
5. Paper Plate Peace Signs.
6. DIY Peace Poster.
7. Peace Chalk Art.
8. Sign Language Peace Sign Craft.
9. Pinwheels for Peace.
10. Peace Shirt.

(Accessed from Internet: September 23, 2020 [redtri.com/peace-love-crafts-10-projects-for-peace-day/](https://redtri.com/peace-love-crafts-10-projects-for-peace-day/))

In Peace, Love and Solidarity,

Mary E. Popovich

West Newton Lions Club



*Help Us Help Others  
Join Lions*

## **Welcome New Members!**

### **New Florence Lions**

Mike Betts  
Aaron Bouch  
Jeffrey Miller

### **New Kensington Lions Club**

Robert Rowe

Steps on how to make  
the World a better place:

1. Join a Lions Club.
2. Stay in Lions Club.
3. Get others to join Lions Club.







IN MEMORIAM



THE MEANING OF LIFE IS TO FIND YOUR GIFT. THE PURPOSE OF LIFE IS TO GIVE IT AWAY.

From around District 14-E:

Nothing to Report for the month of September.



Do You Know How Everybody in your Club is Doing these days?

This has been the LONGEST YEAR hasn't it? And will COVID-19 out there it has been really hard for Clubs to meet in person. We haven't seen some members since last winter!

An idea for a "Service Project" is to have a group of Lions in your club volunteer to call those members of your club that haven't been around and just say "Hi! How are you doing?"

# Empowering Clubs through the Power of Action



## Global Action Team

Dear Lions and Leos,

As we continue our journey in the North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) to revitalize our clubs with new members and re-motivate and re-energize our present members, the NAMI committee studied the results of the recent SWOT Analysis to determine our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. It was encouraging to see that our clubs and district have many strengths.

However, we spent some time discussing our weaknesses. One area showed that many clubs spend far too much effort trying to raise funds. While this is necessary to support our projects, it often discourages some of our members, particularly during this time of economic uncertainty. Instead, we need to focus more on service. After all, our motto is "We Serve," and that is why most people joined our great organization. They want to make a difference in their community. Of course, we are now being asked to provide resources and supplies to the people of Louisiana who were impacted by the Hurricane and floods. For more information on how your club can help, please refer to PDG Tom Gregg's article to learn about the necessary supplies. In fact, you may already have many of these items in your house, without needing to purchase anything additional.

Likewise, since November is Diabetes Awareness Month, you may want to consider sponsoring a Virtual Strides Walk or to simply encourage club members to walk with their children, grandchildren, or a pet. This bit of exercise will also benefit their health. On the other hand, if you have health professionals who can address important diabetic topics or answer questions, set up a virtual community meeting or diabetes symposium. While it's only a month away, these projects can be done.

The committee also realized that we don't market ourselves very well. Everyone laughs when we announce that we are the "best kept secret," but we need to toot our own horns by sharing success stories, our "aha" moments, and pictures of projects on Facebook and in the newspaper. Furthermore, consider working with other community groups to form partnerships and accomplish more. One of the easiest ways would be to partner with your local Realtor to learn when families move into the area. Additionally, produce a brochure that includes local places of interest (churches, restaurants, doctors, dentists, businesses, etc.) and ask the realtors to distribute them to new homeowners. Perhaps, too, you can earn some money by selling advertisements to place in the brochures. Of course, you will want to include contact information for your club and put this in a strategic spot in the brochure.

Similarly, we need to rethink our meetings. They don't always have to include a dinner. For those who want to purchase a dinner, ask them to arrive earlier. Possibly, dessert and a beverage will suffice for most members and help to reduce the cost. Instead of inviting a speaker each month, do a service project or something FUN, occasionally. Schedule theme nights. One example is for everyone to wear jeans, eat chili and cornbread, and watch a western or do some line-dancing. Another inexpensive project is to pack purses that include personal hygiene or cosmetic items for a homeless shelter. Ask members to bring a gently used purse and some of these items (toothpaste, hand sanitizer, creams, comb, mints, etc.) If possible, add a gift card.

If you sponsor a Leo Club, ask for their ideas, and let them plan the event. Sometimes, they have very innovative ideas and can organize everything. Finally, check on the members who aren't participating, or those who are elderly. Ask Leos or younger members of your club to "teach" some of the seasoned members to use Zoom or to participate in a call-in meeting. Let them know that we want them to stay connected.

Try some of these suggestions to increase participation and to re-energize some of your members. During this challenging time, it is important to find new ways to meet and to serve effectively, but also economically. Our members are looking for you, as leaders, to show them how this can be accomplished.

Best wishes as you remain "United in Kindness and Diversity."

Yours in Service and Friendship,  
Cindy Gregg, Area Global Action Team Area Leader  
Multiple District NAMI Champion



## Leadership

Fellow members,

On Sunday, October 18 the 2020 Multiple District 14 Fall Leadership Symposium is being held at the Alwine Civic Center in Greensburg. The event will take place from 1-6pm. Registration is very much appreciated at [kburkholder@defazzd.com](mailto:kburkholder@defazzd.com).

The flyer is located within the district newsletter with all information provided at this time. Do not forget about the Multiple District 14 Facebook page, it contains information about all the happenings within our state of Pennsylvania.

Whether you have attended this event or not, every year brings about new challenges, new questions. That is what this is about. Offering all our Lions members opportunities to "re-energize" their spirit. This event is focused on Leadership opportunities and the benefits that come with them within our clubs, district, and beyond. Keep in mind leadership does not always necessarily come with a title like president, secretary, GLT, etc. Leadership opportunities come in many forms within our clubs.

This event has always been a fantastic avenue for sharing thoughts, asking questions, and most importantly the chance to get the answers and suggestions needed to help move forward.

With a new season, new projects may come to light. Future projects! These are chances that can be given to new members to run with ideas. To take on that "lead" to make it happen! Help spread the word, lets come together responsibly and safely to continue to serve.

Yours in Service,

*PDG Aaron Slezak*

## Membership

As we enter the month of October, our membership stands at 811. This as we know, is well below the LCI mandated 1250 members, but we are at a (+ 14) members year to date which is a step in the right direction. We are not alone; most volunteer organizations are experiencing declines in membership. We need to create new strategies to overcome the obstacles encountered when recruiting members. Society has dramatically changed in the years since a majority of us became Lions members. The family structure now includes single parent households or those where both parents hold full time jobs, women have now moved beyond being “stay at home moms” and entered the work force and in some cases, are now the families primary source of income. Economic conditions have caused many to lose their jobs entirely or have forced them to work multiple part-time jobs to make ends meet. Families with children are forced to juggle hectic schedules to accommodate their involvement in sports, extracurricular school activities, dance, or a multitude of other time consuming items. In addition, involvement in church groups, choirs, golf, softball, and bowling leagues, along with other volunteer commitments, all put a strain on our most valuable personal assets, our time and our treasures.

We need to be both progressive and flexible in embracing these lifestyle changes when recruiting new members. Our future lies in welcoming women, young adults, and families with children into our Clubs. We can no longer expect 100% participation at all Club meetings, service projects, or fundraising events. We must be grateful for whatever time an individual has to offer and thank them for their contributions. When collecting our International, State, District, and Club dues, we must realize that for some individuals, making a lump sum payment would put a huge strain on their finances and may be a deterrent to becoming a member. Why not setup a spreadsheet and let them make installment payments that fall within their budget constraints? With so many opportunities available to volunteer that don't require a monetary commitment, we need to promote our organization and Clubs for all that we do for our communities and those less fortunate than ourselves and convince them that the services we provide would, in most cases, not be available if we didn't exist.

People are motivated to serve for a variety of reasons. They are most inclined to serve if they can personally relate to a specific cause. If we promote the Lions for our contributions to our local community projects, Diabetes, Hearing, and Eye research, as well as, our Measles Initiative and other humanitarian projects, someone who has a friend or family member that suffers from diabetes, hearing loss, eye problems, or other ailments, may be inclined to join for these reasons. Our ability to determine what an individual is passionate about will be instrumental in acquiring, not only a new member, but also an active member. The power of our Lions motto “We Serve” is strengthened each time we add a new member.

Yours in Service,  
DG Dave Stitely

# Service

## District 14-E Supporting the Relief Efforts for the Flooding Caused by Hurricane Laura in Louisiana

The Lions of Louisiana are in need for supplies to help their communities recover from Hurricane Laura that hit the state a few weeks ago. The Lions of Pennsylvania are going to help. Here the Lions of District 14-E will be collecting the items listed below to fill our Care-A-Van. The items collected will then be packaged and transported to Louisiana in a tractor trailer truck that is wrapped with an advertisement for our Multiple District.

The following items are amongst the items needed to help the residents of Louisiana:

- |                           |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>-Flashlights</b>       | <b>-Toilet Paper</b>                |
| <b>-Work Gloves</b>       | <b>-Paper Plates, Forks, Spoons</b> |
| <b>-Mosquito Spray</b>    | <b>-Toothbrushes</b>                |
| <b>-Mops</b>              | <b>-Toothpaste</b>                  |
| <b>-Brooms</b>            | <b>-First Aid Kits</b>              |
| <b>-Clothes Pins</b>      | <b>-Sunscreen</b>                   |
| <b>-Laundry Detergent</b> | <b>-Aloe Vera Gel</b>               |
| <b>-Bleach</b>            | <b>-Batteries</b>                   |
| <b>-Cleaning Supplies</b> | <b>-Ant Poison</b>                  |
| <b>-Buckets</b>           | <b>-Towels</b>                      |
| <b>-Paper Towels</b>      | <b>-Pillows, Blankets</b>           |

The need for this project is now so we are acting fast. The collection date for items here in the District will be Saturday, October 10, 2020. We will be gathering items in the Walmart parking lot in Delmont. Items can be dropped off to the Care-A-Van between 9:00 and 10:00 Saturday morning.

The items will be taken to the Slickville Civic Center where they will be boxed for transport to Louisiana. Multiple District 14 has a traveling advertisement that is currently going around the roads of Pennsylvania. A company has allowed one of its tractor trailer truck bodies to be wrapped with information about the Pennsylvania Lions. This company will be offering its services to transport the items that are collected Statewide during this drive effort to Louisiana for distribution.

If you or your Club is interested in participating please gather up your items to be donated and make plans to drop them off on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. If this does not work for you, please reach out to me and we will work together to make other plans to get your donations. The tractor trailer will either be picking the items up or we will have to deliver the products to them at a regional delivery point sometime during the following week.

We live up to our motto of "We Serve" by helping those in need here in our local communities but also in areas of need across the country and around the world.

**Yours in Service,**  
**PDG Lance H. Remic**  
**Global Service Team Chairperson, District 14-E**

# Lions District 14-E Supporting



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- Flashlights
- Work Gloves
- Mosquito Spray
- Mops, Brooms
- Clothes Pins
- Laundry Detergent / Bleach
- Cleaning Supplies
- Paper Towels / Toilet Paper
- Buckets
- Paper Plates, Forks, Spoons
- Toothbrushes / Toothpaste
- First Aid Kits
- Sunscreen / Aloe Vera Gel
- Batteries
- Ant Poison
- Towels, Pillows, Blankets



Collection Point will be the Delmont, PA Walmart Parking lot at 9:00-10:00am on Saturday, October 10, 2020. Look for the District 14-E Care-A-Van.



**“Where there is a Need There’s a Lion”**

## MISCELLANEOUS REMINDERS!

**CAN YOU HELP?**

JOIN OTHER LIONS LIKE YOURSELF MAKING A DIFFERENCE  
DONATE ONLINE TODAY

FOUR DIAMONDS  
Conquering Childhood Cancer

Pennsylvania Lions  
**CARE**  
FOR THE KIDS

A Four Diamonds Program Conquering Childhood Cancer

[https://fourdiamonds.donordrive.com/index.cfm?  
fuseaction=cms.page&id=1175](https://fourdiamonds.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=cms.page&id=1175)

\$100 provides immediate relief to four people in the wake of a natural disaster.

Donate Today!

CAMPAIGN 100  
LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL



# Lions Clubs International

### Dear Lion,

Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 who are not otherwise required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N). 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 click the link below and review the document for important information regarding your annual tax filing obligation. Thank you!

[ANNUAL TAX FILING INFORMATION](#)

Kindest regards,

Legal Division  
Lions Clubs International



**THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!** : Did you know there is an LION Magazine App?!?!?!?

Available for either iPhone or Android. (Just search for it in your Apple Store or Google Play)

**DON'T FORGET TO TAG YOUR POSTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA!!!!!!**

Use the following hashtags on Twitter, Instagram (IG), Facebook (FB) or whatever other social media outlet that uses "hashtags". Hashtags are a way of grouping like posts.

**#district14eweserve**

**#district14elions**

**#14EDGChuck**





# CLUB SPOTLIGHTS: District Governor Visits & Activities



Allegheny Township Lions Club - 1



Allegheny Township Lions Club - 2



Arnold Lions Club - 1



Arnold Lions club 2 Present District Donation Check



Derry Lions Club - 1



Derry Lions Club - 2



Bushy Run Lions Club - 1



Bushy Run Lions Club - 2



New Florence Lions Club – 1: Years of Service  
Chevron presented



New Florence Lions Club -2: Years of Service  
Chevron presented



New Florence Lions Club - 3



New Florence Lions Club - 4



New Florence Lions Club – 5 Welcome new members!



Rostraver Twp Lions Club - 1



Rostraver Twp Lions Club - 2



Rostraver Twp Lions Club - 3



Rostraver Twp Lions Club - 4



Slickville Lions Club - 1



Slickville Lions Club - 2



Slickville Lions Club - 3



Slickville Lions Club - 4



Slickville Lions Club - 5



Stewartville Lions Club - 1



Stewartville Lions Club - 2



Stewartsville Lions Club – 3 Presenting Lion Jack with a Certificate of Appreciation



Youngwood Lions Club – 1



Youngwood Lions Club – 2



Youngwood Lions Club - 3



Zone 3 Meeting - 1



Zone 3 Meeting - 2



Zone 3 Meeting - 3



Bushy Run Lions volunteer packing boxes for the WCFB. They helped pack over 1300 boxes!



Allegheny Twp Lions Club: Perfect Attendance Awards



Allegheny Twp Lions Club: Perfect Attendance Awards

Perfect Attendance Awards were presented to several Allegheny Twp Lions: Dave Alter 52 Years, Allen Garland 37 years, Cedric Stopansky 30 years, and Marie Sosovicka 1 Year.



Allegheny Twp Lions Club: Perfect Attendance Awards



Allegheny Twp Lions Club: Perfect Attendance Awards



Ed McCormick – Leader Dog Founders Tribute



Greensburg East Hempfield Lions Club - 1



Greensburg East Hempfield Lions Club - 2



Greensburg East Hempfield Lions - 3



Mark Tintori – Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation Fellowship



Mike Daley – Carl Shoemaker Fellowship (Beacon Lodge)



Greensburg East Hem

Mt. Pleasant Twp. Lions present \$4,000.00 check to Westmoreland County Blind Association



WCBA Board Members Eric Bononi and Janie Mahla  
Mt. Pleasant Twp. Lions PDG Sam Snively and Ed Ungvarsky



# Bloomin' Where We are Planted!

## Lions Clubs Activities

### ZONE 1 (Zone Chair: Amy Thompkins)

**Chestnut Ridge** – 26 members. We have been working hard to plan our annual apple dumpling sale that will be taking place Saturday and Sunday, October 10th and 11th at Brady's Restaurant in Acme, PA from 12pm-6pm both days or until we sell out.

**Derry** – 7 members. Club served meal to Mission men in Latrobe. Zoom meeting held .

**Greensburg/East Hempfield** – *No report.*

**Latrobe** – 24 members. Members weed mini gardens in Latrobe. 1 member attended the Zone meeting. Regular meeting held at Legion Keener Park with Covid 19 restrictions in place.

**Mt. Pleasant Twp.** – 60 members. Held monthly sub sale. Donated \$3350 to the WCBA from all proceeds from the club's golf outing. Two members administered eye tests to children from a daycare.

**New Alexandria** – *No report.*

**New Florence** – 16 members. New members - Mike Betts, Jeff Miller and Aaron Bouch. Jay Merritt and the three new members were sworn in by Zone Chairperson Amy Tompkins. Dist. Gov. Chuck Tompkins gave Golden Centennial Membership to Pres. Homer Lewis and Rick Davis; 35 yr. Service to Robert Jones; 25 yr. Service to Pres. Homer Lewis and Rick Davis; Officer Pins to Pres. Homer Lewis, VP Gary Baird and Sec./Treas. to Albert B. Nanni; Sponsorship Pins to Rick Davis, Gary Baird and Albert B. Nanni; 100% Participation to the club. A donation will be given to Boy Scout Troop 1123 for helping us in our food booth at New Florence Days. Will be holding a broom sale on Sept. 26

**Seton Hill University** – *No report.*

### ZONE 2 (Zone Chair: 2VDG Tony Catullo)

**Belle Vernon** – *No report.*

**East Huntingdon Township** – *No report.*

**Monessen** – *No report.*

**Rostraver Township** – 44 members. September BBQ a success, 2 members assisted with the Bag Brigade, still collecting plastic for Trex Bags for Benches, Cooked BBQ chicken, ribs, pork steaks for Fire Company picnic.

**Scottdale Centennial** – *No report.*

**Sewickley Area** – 12 members. Broom sales ongoing.

## Lions Clubs Activities cont'd:

**West Newton** – *No report.*

**Youngwood** – 35 members. We ended our Calendar sales, started our Koeze Nut sales and are preparing for an October 17th Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, takeout only. We had a lovely visit from DG Chuck and his bride Amy along with 1st VDG Margie and Zone 2 Chair Tony.

**Yukon** – *No report.*

## ZONE 3 (Zone Chair: TBD )

**Allegheny Township** – 13 members. Continued with Meals-On-Wheels, attended Zone 3 meeting, hosted District Governor at club meeting giving out 4 100% attendance awards for 1,30,37& 52 years. Made final plans for semi-annual road cleanup in October.

**Arnold** – 24 members. DG visited us, we all enjoyed his visit. Now we will be meeting in doors next month hoping to start up our Honoring the Students of the Month

**Delmont** – 41 members. Planted fall mums & tulip & daffodil bulbs for the spring bloom under the welcome to Delmont sign. Held BOD meeting on 9/28/20.

**Lower Burrell** – 24 members. Four members attended the recent Zone 3 meeting held in Vandergrift. Six members put up flags on Leechburg Road for Labor Day and for remembrance of 9/11. Members are selling raffle tickets for a Thanksgiving Day Raffle at \$5 for a total prize of \$400. Selling brooms and raffle tickets at the Farmer's Market on Saturdays through October 17. Continue to collect eye glasses.

**Murrysville** – 24 members. No activity.

**New Kensington** – *No report.*

**Slickville** – *No report.*

**Vandergrift** – 29 members. We continue our fundraising efforts, running gun ticket raffles and selling lions brooms. Loan out and collect used hospital equipment. Collect used eyeglasses and make the Lions name visible in the community. This month we had an eyeglass case where we paid for a new pair for a person. Our Pres and Sec also attended the Zone meeting .

**Washington-Bell Township** – *No report.*

## ZONE 4 (Zone Chair: Jeff Jordon)

**Bushy Run** - 41 members. Service project at Westmoreland county food bank on October 17  
Currently having a club food drive now through Christmas.

**Irwin** – *No report.*

**Jeannette** – *No report*

## Lions Clubs Activities cont'd:

**Level Green** – 33 members. Broom/bag sales, strip tickets, initiated Koeze Nut Christmas Drive, recycled beverage cans for recycling. Meals on Wheels volunteer shifts, posted civic info on community sign, maintained Community Bldg. for non-profits beneficial to Level Green. Sealing work on Bldg. parking lot (diy -8 Lions).

**Manor** – 12 members. Held a successful Chicken BBQ.

**Norwin** – 34 members. Donated to Nicholas Fedarko's family. Collected eyeglasses. Sold brooms.

**Stewartsville** – 17 members. Chicken barbecue the last Sunday of each month from April through September. Provided free masks to the public to help promote the wearing of masks to defeat Covid-19. Three girl scouts affiliated with the scouting programs of the First Presbyterian Church in Irwin, PA helped with the barbecue and the mask project. Three members of the Stewartsville Lions Club helped with the food distribution at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Food Pantry in North Huntingdon, PA. Two members of the Stewartsville Lions Club program provided technical assistance to a local senior citizen to help resolve a tax-related matter. September 13, 2020 visit by District 14-E Governor Chuck Thompkins and 1st Vice District Governor Margaret Wolff. DG inducted our newly elected club officers, made an address to the club membership, and presented a certificate to Lion Jack Sherriff recognizing Lion Jack's 48 years of service.

**Trafford** – 4 members. Members are currently holding a Food and Personal Care Items Drive on their front porches, encouraging their neighbors to donate items that will be given to area food bank/shelters this fall.



On September 13, 2020 the Stewartsville Lions Club was honored to host a visit by District Governor Chuck Thompkins and 1st Vice District Governor Margaret Wolff. The visit took place during our club's annual picnic which was held out of doors (for Covid 19 reasons) at the home of Stewartsville Lion Charter Member Jack Sherriff in North Huntingdon. During the visit, District Governor Chuck inducted our newly elected club officers, made an address to the club membership, and presented a certificate to Lion Jack Sherriff recognizing Lion Jack's 48 years of service to the Stewartsville Lions Club and to District 14-E

# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14 GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

H#: 724 872-0707 CELL#: 412 576-0708

PDG Thomas L. Gregg, MD 14 Coordinator

1130 Willowbrook Road

Rostraver Township, Pennsylvania 15012-3202

[tomgregg1@verizon.net](mailto:tomgregg1@verizon.net)



Fellow Lions:

I received a call for help from MD-14 Disaster Chairperson Lion Jim Groff. The Lions of Louisiana need supplies because of the hurricane a couple of weeks ago. Below is a list of items that have been requested by DG Gerard Credeur, Jr. He is governor of District 8-O

What we are asking for is your willingness to help out with these items. When we have the items, they will be shipped in one of our wrapped trailers to his district. Here are some guidelines:

1. When possible, the items should be packed in 12x12 boxes that are sealed and labeled with the contents.
2. Larger items should be wrapped together in a bundle.
3. Boxes are available from either the Lions office in Harrisburg or from Lion Jim Groff. Please help with the shipping costs.
4. Financial donations can be made to either LCIF or the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation. Please mark on the memo line that the donation id for the Louisiana Hurricane.

Timeline is as follows:

1. The collection dates should fall between October 5 and 8
2. The truck will be scheduled to pick up at regional sites between October 9 and 11
3. The loaded truck will leave for Louisiana on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

The exact pickup dates and locations have yet to be set. DG Chuck or GST PDG Lance will let you know.

Below is the list of needed items from DG Credeur...

Good morning sir. Here is a list of items we are having issues getting.

**Powerade/Gatorade**

**Work Gloves**

**Mops**

**Clothes Pins**

**Cleaning Supplies**

**Toilet Paper**

**Toothbrushes**

**Feminine Products**

**Sunscreen**

**Batteries**

**Towels, Pillows, Blankets**

**Flashlights**

**Mosquito Spray**

**Laundry Detergent**

**Bleach**

**Paper Towels**

**Paper Plates, Plastic Forks and Spoons**

**Toothpaste**

**Small First Aid Kits**

**Aloe Vera Gel for Sunburn**

**Ant Poison**

Thanks for the help.

DG Gerard J Credeur Jr

337 658 4201

Yours in Service,

PDG Tom Gregg

MD-14 GST Coordinator

# The International Association of Lions Clubs

Lions Clubs International®



Chuck Thompkins  
District Governor, District 14-E  
Pennsylvania, U.S.A. 2019-2020  
309 Beechwood Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-989-8250  
chuckt309@yahoo.com

## **NOTICE OF SECOND CABINET MEETING**

TO: CABINET OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS, CLUB  
PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, ALL LIONS, LIONESS, AND LEOS

DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

PLACE: CONGRUITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
136 FENNELTOWN RD, NEW ALEXANDRIA, PA 15670

TIME: 9:00 a.m. PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS MEETING (Past District Governors only)  
9:15 a.m. PRE-CABINET MEETING (Current District Cabinet only)  
9:30 a.m. CABINET MEETING (all Lions members and club representatives)

**ATTENTION:** Please provide a full written report to DG Chuck Thompkins by Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> so that copies can be provided and distributed to clubs. Only summary reports are to be delivered at the cabinet meeting and will be limited to three-minutes. Provide details in the written report to be shared with all clubs.

## Peace Poster

For more than 30 years, Lions around the world have sponsored the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in schools and organized youth groups in their communities. This year, as [we move forward with the 2020-21 competition](#), “Peace Through Service,” we face a new challenge of hosting the contest safely during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

Lions have been serving and connecting safely through social distancing, Zoom meetings, social media and more, and we encourage you to continue being safe as you sponsor the Peace Poster Contest.

Consider the following tips:

- Email or call your school or youth group leaders to check in, confirm their participation in this year’s contest and offer your support.
- Encourage schools conducting e-learning to participate by providing contest rules and instructions online. Students can then complete their posters at home and drop them off to the designated school contact.
- Provide your name, email address and phone number to the participating school or youth group contact and make plans to collect the posters from them for the local judging.
- Follow local guidelines for gathering and practicing social distancing when holding your contest judging (at the club, district and multiple district levels).
- Consider holding your contest judging online. Photograph the entries and post them without the student’s names (remember it is a blind judging) in an online photo gallery such as Flickr, Google Photos, etc. Share the link with your judges and include a score sheet to email back to you.
- Recognize local winners by sharing their poster images with your local news media and by posting them on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) with #PeacePoster.

How are you adapting and innovating the way you hold your contest? We would love to hear from you. Please post your photos and stories on social media using the hashtag #PeacePoster or email [peaceposter@lionsclubs.org](mailto:peaceposter@lionsclubs.org).

Get started and [purchase your Peace Poster Kit online](#) before the October 1 deadline.

Additionally, visit our website to learn about the [Peace Essay Contest](#) and to download the [Peace Essay Contest Rules and Entry Form](#).

Thank you for continuing to foster peace and international understanding and supporting the youth in your community!

**Voting will be held at the second cabinet meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> for the Peace Poster and**

**Wendy McGrew**

**Peace Poster and Essay Chair**

# Essay



2020-2021

## Peace Through Service

Your club can sponsor visually-impaired students in the Lions Clubs International Essay Contest!

The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines, and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15, 2020. Eligible birthdates are November 16, 2006 through November 15, 2009. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

The contest theme is "Peace Through Service."

- Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest. The contest may be sponsored in a local school or organized, sponsored youth group, or individuals may be sponsored as well.
- Essays must be no longer than 500 words, submitted in English, typewritten in black ink and double spaced.
- Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be disqualified.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- Essay entries cannot have already been published.
- Any essays found to be plagiarized will be disqualified, and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

### DEADLINES

**November 15, 2020** – Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning essay to the district governor. **Note:** A participating club should notify its district governor in advance of sending an entry.

**Voting will be held at the second cabinet meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> for the Peace Poster and Essay.**

**Wendy McGrew**

**Peace Poster and Essay Chair**

Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed or lost during the judging process. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned. They become property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt. Essays (partial or in their entirety) cannot be used without written permission from Lions Clubs International.

In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Essay Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. An international grand prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Lions International Essay Contests sponsored by Lions Clubs International. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International.

Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law.

#### Mailing address:

Essay Contest, Brand & Marketing Strategy  
Lions Clubs International  
300 W. 22nd Street  
Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 Email:  
[peaceposter@lionsclubs.org](mailto:peaceposter@lionsclubs.org) (The words "Lions Essay Contest" must appear in the subject line of the e-mail.)

**DISTRICT 14-E MASS INDUCTION**  
**FERRANTE'S LAKEVIEW BANQUET FACILITY**

**6153 ROUTE 30, GREENSBURG, PA 15601**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020**

**6:00 pm-7:00 pm CASH BAR**

**7:00 pm DINNER**

**DINNER CHOICES**

- (1) Lakeview Cod topped w/Seasoned Bread Crumbs**
- (2) Baked Stuffed Pork Chop**
- (3) Chicken Piccata**

**Served with tossed Salad, Rolls. Smashed Red Skin Potatoes,  
& Green Bean Trio  
Coffee, Tea, & Iced Tea  
Dessert: Strawberry Torte**

Make checks payable to: Lions District 14-E

Cost: \$27 per person

**RSVP: No later than 10/26/20**

Send to: 2VDG Tony Catullo, 4 Wellington Drive, Rostraver, PA 15012

Questions: email [tcatullo@hotmail.com](mailto:tcatullo@hotmail.com), or phone: 412 980-0942

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

Menu Choice \_\_\_\_\_



Youngwood Lions Semi-Annual



# Pancake, Sausage & Egg only Carry-out Breakfast

Sat., Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 8:00<sub>am</sub> to 12:00<sub>pm</sub>  
Christ United Methodist Church  
Lincoln and Sherwood, Ywd.

Adults: \$7.00 Children (6-12): \$3.00

**UPCOMING PANCAKE BREAKFASTS – PLEASE  
COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR D14E CLUBS!**



## Mt Pleasant Twp. Lions Club ALL YOU CAN EAT Breakfast

Featuring...

Pancakes, Belgium Waffles with Strawberries and Whipped Cream, Sausage and Breakfast Beverages

**Sunday November 22, 2020**

8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

*Roosevelt Hall in Norvelt*

***“Lions Working Together As One”***

Pajamas needed

Sponsored by the

Mount Pleasant Township Lions Club

Sizes newborn to size 10 Male and Female

Pajamas will meet the needs of children in our area and will be distributed by the WIC Program.

We will be collecting until February 2021 but any received by Christmas

would be a blessing.

Pajamas can be given to any Mt. Pleasant Twp. Lion.

For further information or drop off location contact: [dtinke@zoominternet.net](mailto:dtinke@zoominternet.net)

**Please keep the children warm with new**

**Footed pajamas**

**Wrap them in love this winter**



We would like to thank everyone who helped make this project a success in the past.



# HALLOWEEN PARTY



## BE PREPARED FOR A FRIGHTFULLY GOOD TIME!

- Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 2PM to 5PM  
@Alwine Civic Center, 538 Old State  
Route 66, Greensburg, PA
- *Light Snacks and Refreshments will be available*
- Costumes are encouraged but not required  
(Prizes will be given for various categories so suit up!)
- *Be prepared for an afternoon of fun, laughs, games & square dancing!*
- Open to all Lions & their Guests (please let us know how many will be attending when you RSVP)
  - *Please RSVP by October 18<sup>th</sup> by contacting Lisa Gismondi:*

[lisgis67@gmail.com](mailto:lisgis67@gmail.com) / 724.454.3653

**DON'T FORGET TO RSVP BY THE 18TH!  
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**BOO!**



A Four Diamonds Program Conquering Childhood Cancer

## How to set up Your Recurring Gift



1

### Visit our fundraising page

Visit [FourDiamonds.org/PALions](https://FourDiamonds.org/PALions) and scroll down and click "Make a Donation."

MAKE A DONATION



2

### Select your donation amount

Choose "Monthly," enter your Lions Club name, fill out your contact and payment information.

Supporting PA Lions "Care - For The Kids"™

Your Donor

Greater Amount	\$1,000	\$500	\$200
	\$100	\$50	\$25/mon

Monthly  Single

Comments:

Repeat Billing:  No (I'm making a one-time gift)  
 Yes (I'm making a recurring gift)



3

### Help conquer childhood cancer

Here are some of the ways your recurring gift can help kids fighting cancer.



**\$50/ month** funds one day of art therapy.



**\$25/ month** provides one day of care and support from our chaplain, who helps guide the spiritual needs of patients and their families.



**\$100/ month** funds one week of child life support for Four Diamonds' outpatient clinic.



**\$200/ month** funds a private hospital room for a child and their family.

[FourDiamonds.org/PALions](https://FourDiamonds.org/PALions)

Multiple District 14 Lions

Join Us For a Day of  
Fellowship and Learning!



Let Us Know You Are  
Coming!

## 2020 Multiple District 14 Fall Leadership Symposium

The Lions of PA are cordially invited to attend  
the Multiple District Fall Leadership Symposium

When: Saturday October 17, 2020 from 9 am –3 pm  
or

Sunday October 18, 2020 from 1–6 pm

Where:

**PA Lions State Office—Saturday**

949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111

**Alwine Civic Center—Sunday**

538 Old State Route 66., Greensburg, PA 15601

*Saturday Lunch will be provided. A \$6.00 donation  
will be collected. Snacks provided on Sunday.*

To Register Email  
[kburkholder@dejazzd.com](mailto:kburkholder@dejazzd.com)  
with the number attend-  
ing so we can plan for  
lunch. Seating in Harris-  
burg is limited so register  
early!

Questions???  
Email to the above  
address or call  
PDG Deb Burkholder  
717-484-4892

All Lions are Encouraged to Attend!

- Club Members
- Club Presidents, Secretaries,  
Treasurers
- District Cabinet members
- District GLT, GMT, GST  
Coordinators
- Past District Governors
- Zone Chairs, Region Chairs
- District Governors, VDGs

**Topics for Lions at all levels of Lionism**

**Come out and Re-Energize your**

**Lion's Spirit!**



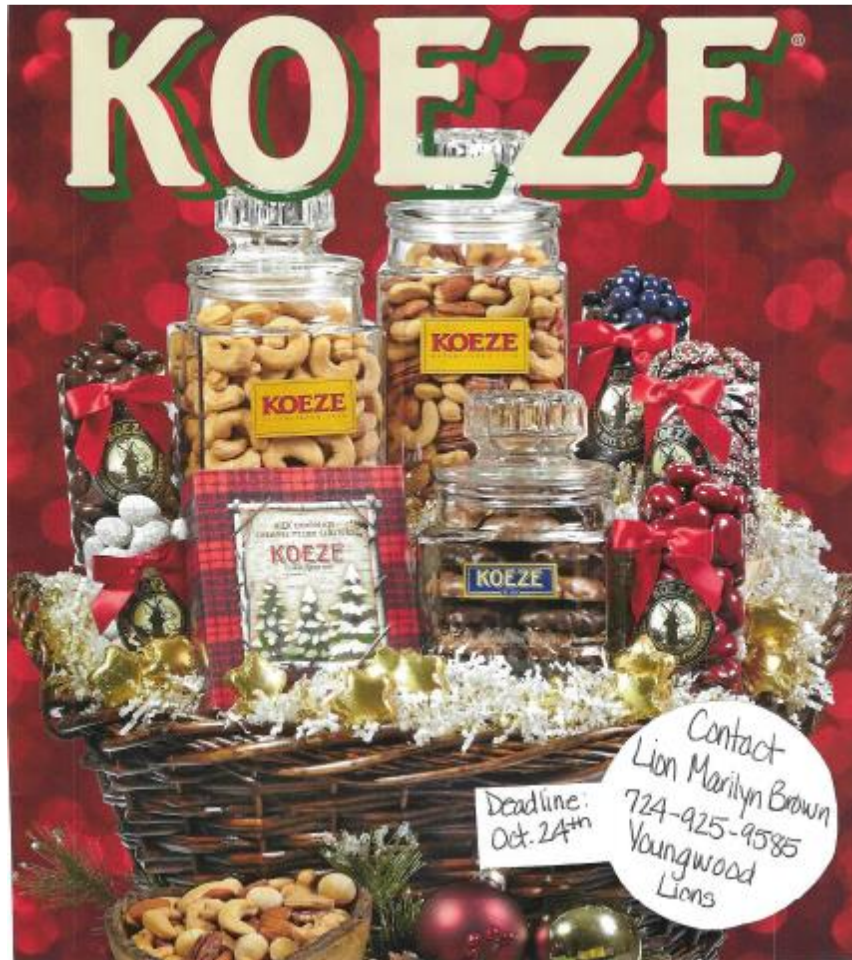


## **OCTOBER CHILI BOWL**

Fall is here and it is time for cool weather and **“CHILI”**. The Stewartsville Lions Club is having a **“CHILI BOWL”** On October 18<sup>th</sup> and it will be held at Holiday Travel Agency on Route 30 in North Huntingdon Township. The meal includes a bowl of Chili, Dinner Roll, Dessert Cake and Drink for only \$5.00 and it is **“DRIVE THROUGH ONLY”**. Meals can be picked up from 11:00am till sold out. This is a first time fund raiser for us and you can be part of it to help us help others. We will donate a portion of the proceeds to the local church food banks. **HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**



# Youngwood Lions KOEZE Sale





Do you want Leader Dogs for the Blind apparel?



Leader Dogs for the Blind has an online gift shop that you can purchase clothes, mugs, masks, key chains and more.

<https://leader-dogs-for-the-blind-gift-shop.myshopify.com/>

Purchase your fashionable apparel today!





# LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

LEADER DOG NEWS FOR LIONS – May 2020

## Old Skills, New Friends – Making Harnesses for Leader Dogs



By Steve Williams,  
Leader Dogs for the Blind volunteer  
(Pictured right)

After working as an orthotist (a person who makes custom orthopedic devices) for 39 years, my wife and I closed our family business in 2015. Shortly after retiring I started volunteering in the tack room. I was very excited to be part of Leader Dogs for the Blind (LDB) since I grew up nearby and had a family connection.

My daughter worked for several years as a guide dog mobility instructor for English and Spanish-speaking clients. While she worked at LDB, my wife and I had an opportunity to take a tour of the facility. I saw my retirement future as soon as we stepped into the tack shop. This is where the tack shop volunteers assist with assembling and repairing leather harnesses and tie-downs for the dogs. Some of the harnesses are also customized to accommodate a dog or handler's physical stature. When I trained many years ago to become an orthotist, most of the devices were made from leather and metal. Although technology has changed over the years to incorporate more sophisticated materials, I always loved using my old school leather work skills.

For the complete article, please visit [LeaderDog.org](http://LeaderDog.org). Easily share articles and videos with your club!



IN EVERY LEADER DOG  
LIES THE HEART OF A LION.

A Leader Dog partner since 1939.

## CLUB VISITS

Invite Leader Dog to Your Next Virtual Meeting

Meetings are taking on a new look-many from our own living rooms! The Leader Dog Team is available to give virtual presentations.

Want your club, zone, region or district to know more about their impact at Leader Dog? Want to chat with a client about their experiences at Leader Dog? Meet a volunteer puppy raiser? How about inviting a Guide Dog Mobility Instructor (GDMI) demonstrate how they train guide dogs? Give us a call or email and we can help set it up.

Send inquiries to Lion Kathleen Breen at [kbreen@Leaderdog.org](mailto:kbreen@Leaderdog.org) or call her at (248) 218-6407.



For bits of joy in your day, follow Future Leader Dog Legacy, our 20,000 puppy on Instagram at [fl\\_d\\_legacy](https://www.instagram.com/fl_d_legacy) (above)!

## COVID-19 Response

For the latest information on Leader Dog's response to COVID-19, please visit our website at [LeaderDog.org](http://LeaderDog.org).



## BE OF SERVICE

[LeaderDog.org/Lions](http://LeaderDog.org/Lions)

FOLLOW THE LEADER   

# Schedule of Events and District Governor Visits



## October 2020:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Greensburg East Hempfield DG Visit
- 5<sup>th</sup> Delmont Lions DG Visit
- 6<sup>th</sup> New Kensington Lions DG Visit
- 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> GAT Fall Symposium
- 17<sup>th</sup> Youngwood Pancake Breakfast
- 18<sup>th</sup> Stewartsville Chili Bowl
- 21<sup>st</sup> Norwin Lions DG Visit
- 25<sup>th</sup> D14-E Halloween Party
- 27<sup>th</sup> Murrysville Lions DG Visit

## November 2020:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Mass Induction Lakeview Restaurant
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> State Council Meeting Double Tree by Hilton Meadowlands **CANCELLED**
- 10<sup>th</sup> East Huntingdon Lions DG Visit
- 11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> Second Cabinet Meeting (see details in newsletter)
- 21<sup>st</sup> Bushy Run Pancake Breakfast
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Mt Pleasant Pancake Breakfast (see flyer in newsletter)
- 24<sup>th</sup> West Newton Lions DG Visit
- 26<sup>th</sup> Happy Thanksgiving!

## December 2020:

- 8<sup>th</sup> Latrobe Lions DG Visit
- 13<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Christmas Party - Alwine Civic Center
- 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve
- 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day
- 31<sup>st</sup> New Year's Eve



## *Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs*

949 East Park Drive • Harrisburg, PA 17111 2810 • Phone (717) 564-2556 • Fax (717) 564-3880

### **PA State Council of Lions Clubs Special Election.**

Date: September 28, 2020

**The Special Election, due at the November State Council Meeting on November 6 thru 8, 2020 will still take place.**

The necessity of this Special Election is to complete the two outstanding Ballot Questions, originally scheduled for a vote at the May 2020 State Convention.

The Council of Governors, at a Zoom Meeting on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> approved the Multiple District hold an Electronic Election and selected Election Runner as the application of choice.

This letter will now serve as the official notice of the manner and timing of an Electronic Special Election, using electionrunner.com to be conducted by the MD14 Lions of Pennsylvania on **Sunday, November 8, 2020 – between the hours of 12 noon and 8pm.**

An election packet will be mailed to each District Governor in time for inclusion in their Newsletters and for distribution by their District Secretary/Certification Chair to Club Presidents and Secretaries containing the following documentation to guide them through the process:

1. **Election Process** - sets forth the steps and timing of the election to ensure its successful completion.
2. **Delegate Collection Spreadsheet** – an excel spreadsheet to enter the Delegate names, member numbers (for certification purposes only) and email addresses to be uploaded to electionrunner.com.
3. **Official Delegate Certification Form** - each Club Secretary and/or President must complete and return this and the **Delegate Collection Spreadsheet** to the State Office, preferably by email, by **Friday October 23, 2020**.
4. **Sample Letter to Clubs including the Potential Delegate Count** - showing simplified process and the number of delegates that each club in each District is entitled to.
5. **Ballot Questions** – copies of the two Ballot Questions.
6. **Unpaid Dues Schedule** - Dues must be paid to Lions Clubs International no later than **Monday October 14, 2020** for a club to be entitled to have their nominated delegates to vote in this election. (Each District receives their own District Recap Report to be included in this packet).

**It is very important that all delegates have a correct email address as the election will be conducted electronically (no paper ballots will be sent.)**

It is especially important that the timeframes set forth in the Election Process document are adhered to for the election to be completed and it is imperative that Clubs notify their delegates of this process, so they know what to expect.

Once all delegates have been certified by the Districts and sent to the State Office, 17 sub elections will be set up and delegate information uploaded into electionrunner.com.

On **Sunday, November 8, 2020** an Invitation to Vote will be issued to every certified delegate from **electionrunner.com** and will contain:

- a link to access the system to record your vote
- a Unique Voter ID and Voter Key. The use of these ensures the ballots remain secret.

Voting must be completed no later than **Sunday November 8, 2020 at 8pm.**

Any questions regarding this process can be directed to:

**CC Marilyn Wagner** - [marilynwagner23@gmail.com](mailto:marilynwagner23@gmail.com) or 484-557-8168.

**SA Bob McComas** – [bobmccomas@palions.org](mailto:bobmccomas@palions.org)

Sincerely,

Marilyn Wagner  
Council Chairperson  
Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs



## *Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs*

469 East Park Drive • Harrisburg, PA 17111-2810 • Phone (717) 564-2550 • Fax (717) 569-2880

September 28, 2020

Dear Lions Club Presidents and Secretaries

Detailed below are the Election Instructions in follow up to the Official Call Notice for MD14 Special Election, published in the October edition of our District Newsletter.

**This Special Election is to complete the outstanding Ballot Questions, due to be voted on at our May 2020 State Convention and rescheduled to the November State Council Meeting weekend.**

**This electronic election will take place using [electionrunner.com](http://electionrunner.com) on Sunday, November 8, 2020 from 12:00 noon through 8:00PM.**

1. Since we cancelled both the May State Convention and the November State Council meeting voting is now open to **ALL CLUBS** in our District and not just those who might have registered to attend the November Council Meeting.
2. Please discuss with your Club Board and decide on your Club's voting delegates for the election. For each delegate please add the Club name, member name, member number and member email address to the attached Official Delegate Certification Form and email the completed form to District Secretary/Certification Chair Lion Any Name at [anvaddress@aol.com](mailto:anvaddress@aol.com). **Delegate information must be received no later than Friday October 23, 2020.**
3. The number of Club voting delegates will be based on active membership using the following formula and based on membership on July 1, 2020: one delegate for each 10 members **who have been enrolled in a Lions club for at least one year and a day**. The number of delegates for a club will be rounded up for remaining fractions greater than 5 members – example: 26 members will be 3 delegates, while 24 members will be 2 delegates. The attached page shows an estimated number of club delegates based on the Club Health Assessment at June 30, 2020.
4. **All District Governors, Past District Governors and International Directors are voting delegates and do not count against your club delegates.** PDG information should be added and certified on the Official Delegate Certification Form also be received by District Secretary/Certification Chair **no later than Friday October 23, 2020.** (Please do not submit a Past District Governor as one of your club delegates since they are already counted).
5. **In order to vote your Club must be in good standing!** This means that all dues have been paid in full to LCI, Multiple District (State) and District. Delinquent dues may be paid, and good standing returned up to fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification. **Certification will take place on Monday October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 so delinquent dues must be paid NO LATER THAN MONDAY OCTOBER 14, 2020.**
6. Voting will be **ONLINE ONLY** using a web based product called **Election Runner**. No mail or email ballots will be accepted so please make sure your delegates have the capability to vote on your Club's behalf.
7. A voting credential link will be generated and issued directly to certified delegates prior to the election to the email provided. This process will ensure the ballots are kept secret.
8. Election Results will be emailed to all Club Presidents and Secretaries to share with their club members and will also be published in District Newsletters.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me

In Service

MD 14 Council Chair Marilyn Wagner



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### **Ballot Question 1**

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION CONCERNS AMENDING THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS MULTIPLE DISTRICT-14 (PENNSYLVANIA) CONSTITUTION. TO BE ADOPTED, THIS AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF TWO-THIRDS (2/3) OF THE CERTIFIED DELEGATES CASTING A VOTE.

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 4, COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON.

THE RESOLUTION ADDS LANGUAGE TO CLARIFY : 1) THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON; 2) THE SELECTION PROCESS FOR APPOINTING A REPLACEMENT IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY IN THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON POSITION; AND 3) THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON ROTATION.

BE IT RESOLVED, that effective July 1, 2021, Article VII, Section 4, will read as follows:

"Section 4: COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON. The Chairperson of the State Council shall be the Immediate Past District Governor who had served in the capacity of Vice-Chairperson during the preceding year, who for the year 2020-2021 shall be from Sub-District P. The Council Chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again.

In the event, either before or after becoming the Chairperson, if unable or refuses to serve, or having accepted, resigns or dies, then the District Governor of that sub-district shall appoint a Past-District Governor who is resident in and a member in good standing of a Lions Club in that sub-district to serve out the term of office. If no Past District Governor from the sub-district is willing to serve, then the sitting Council of Governors will appoint a Past District Governor from the two preceding State Councils who is a resident in and member in good standing of a Lions Club in Pennsylvania to serve the remaining term of office. The normal Council Chairperson rotation will resume when the replacement Council Chairperson's term of office is completed.

SHALL THIS RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?      YES      NO



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### **Ballot Question 2**

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION CONCERNS AMENDING THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS MULTIPLE DISTRICT- 14 (PENNSYLVANIA) BY-LAWS. TO BE ADOPTED, THIS AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS REQUIRES AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF THE MAJORITY OF THE CERTIFIED DELEGATES CASTING A VOTE.

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE CHANGES TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2, DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.

THE RESOLUTION MODIFIES THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE CURRENT \$16 PER-CAPITA DUES AS FOLLOWS, STARTING JULY 1 2021:

- ELIMINATES THE "PROMOTION FUND" OF \$0.35
- INCREASES THE "STATE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE FUND" FROM \$8.50 TO \$9.60
- INCREASES THE "SUB-DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE FUND" FROM \$2.50 TO \$3.00
- REPLACES THE "PENNSYLVANIA NEWS PUBLICATION FUND" WITH THE "COMMUNICATION/WEB/PRIDE FUND" AND REDUCES THE ALLOCATION FROM \$1.50 TO \$0.25

THE RESOLUTION **DOES NOT** INCREASE OR DECREASE THE CURRENT OVERALL DUES

BE IT RESOLVED, that effective July 1, 2021, Article VI, Section 2, will read as follows:

Section 2. DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS. The funds so collected shall be used, distributed, and credited as follows:

- a. State Convention Administrative fund - \$0.45
- b. International Convention Fund - \$0.85
- c. District Governors International Convention Expense Fund - \$0.35
- d. State Council Administrative Fund - \$9.60
- e. Sub-Districts Administrative Fund - \$3.00
- f. Communication/Web/PRIDE Fund - \$0.25
- g. All-State Band - \$1.50

SHALL THIS RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?      YES                      NO





**Pennsylvania State Council of Lions Clubs Special Election  
OFFICIAL DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM**

Online Voting via [electionrunner.com](http://electionrunner.com): Sunday November 8, 2020

Please type or print neatly

Completed forms must be received at the District Secretary/Certification Chair by Friday, October 23, 2020.

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

**DELEGATES:** based on 7/01/2020 membership count – 1 delegate for every 10 members or major fraction thereof.

Name and Member #	E-Mail
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
7.	
8.	
9.	
10.	

**PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS/PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS** – these delegates are in addition to your Club's LCI defined delegate quota

Name and Member #	Email:
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

I, the President or Secretary of the aforementioned Pennsylvania Lions Club, certify that the above named Lions have been selected as our Club's delegates to vote in the MD14 November 8, 2020 Special Election

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**2020-2021 DISTRICT 14-E PROJECTS DONATION FORM**

CLUB _____	DATE _____
Beacon Lodge Camp for the Blind	\$ _____
Care-A-Van	\$ _____
Diabetes	\$ _____
Disaster Relief Team Fund	\$ _____
Eye Research	\$ _____
Pediatric Cancer	\$ _____
Leader Dogs for the Blind	\$ _____
Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)	\$ _____
Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation	\$ _____
PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation	\$ _____
Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation	\$ _____
Westmoreland County Blind Association	\$ _____
Westmoreland County Deaf Services	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL DONATION:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

**Please note:** If your club has not already submitted donations, they must be received by May 1, 2021 to receive credit for 2020-2021. Donation check should be made out to District 14-E Lions and this form should accompany the check. Please mail check to Cabinet Treasurer, PDG Bob Mesher, 441 Gallitin Road, Belle Vernon, PA 15012 . If necessary, check can be given to District Governor Chuck before the deadline.

## KEY CONTACT INFORMATION:

### DISTRICT 14-E CABINET – 2020-2021

District Governor	Chuck Thompkins	Delmont	Amoose309@yahoo.com	724-989-8250
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor	Margie Wolff	Murrysville	mgwolff@windstream.net	724-325-4133
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor	Tony Catullo	Rostraver Twp	tcatullo@hotmail.com	412-980-0941
District Secretary	Kara Knode	New Alexandria	kpurvis77@yahoo.com	724-689-5560
District Treasurer	Bob Mesher	Rostraver Twp	robertmesher@comcast.net	724-379-8450

### District Global Action Team (GAT) Coordinators

Leadership	PDG Aaron Slezak	New Alexandria	tslezak724@gmail.com	724-757-2561
Membership	PDG Dave Stitely	Stewartsville	lbrgrader@comcast.net	724-864-4505
Service	PDG Lance Remic	Slickville	lremic@hotmail.com	724-309-6750

### Zone Chairpersons

Zone 1	Amy Thompkins	Delmont	amoose309@yahoo.com	412-551-0327
Zone 2	Tony Catullo	Rostraver Twp	tcatullo@hotmail.com	412-980-0941
Zone 3	Open			
Zone 4	Jeff Jordan	Level Green	jeffreybob@aol.com	412-418-3646

### Communications

Communication/Publicity	John Russo	Norwin	apdjr@aol.com	724-864-3844
Website	Jeff Jordan	Level Green	jeffreybob@aol.com	412-418-3646
Newsletter	Lisa Gismondi	Bushy Run	lisgis67@gmail.com	724-454-3653
District Admin (Club Reporting Support)	Denise Poole	Norwin	dypoole@comcast.net	724-787-6183
Social Media	Amanda/Lance Remic	Slickville	akbrant@atlanticbb.net / lremic@hotmail.com	724-984-7644 724-468-4626



## IMPORTANT WEB ADDRESSES

District 14-E Lions.....www.lions14E.org  
Leader Dogs for the Blind.....www.leaderdog.org  
Lions Clubs International.....www.lionsclubs.org  
PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp.....www.beaconlodge.com  
PA State Council of Lions Clubs.....www.palions.org  
Lions of PA Foundation.....www.lionsofpafoundation.org  
Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation.....www.wpalhf.org

Like us on Facebook: District 14-E Lions

Please consider a Personal Contribution to either of these two charities to supplement Club Donations. Thank You!

<https://fourdiamonds.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=cms.page&id=1175>

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>

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