

# District 14-E Westmoreland County Newsletter

September 2024



Everyone knows the Lions Motto: **We Serve.**

We all toast the Lions Toast: **Not above you, not beneath you, but with you.**

Do you know the official mission of Lions International?

**The Mission of Lions International is to empower Lions clubs, volunteers and partners to improve health and wellbeing, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian service and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.** <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-foundation/mission>

At the recent LCI GAT/Mission 1.5 Summit in Orlando, a speaker suggested that the Lions mission should be invoked at every opportunity, as a reminder of why we are investing our time, talent, and treasure in the pursuit of service. I have been working this into my DG visit talk, when I remember to If you didn't hear it, you've read it here!

As we move into September, here are a couple things to consider.

- **Prioritize your club's participation in PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp's "500 Club,"** where clubs donate \$5 per member toward maintenance costs at the Camp. When all our clubs participate, Westmoreland Lions will contribute more than \$3,000 toward this important need. Remember that "500 Club" participation doesn't take the place of other regular donations and annual support needed for Beacon Lodge.
- **I'll be challenging every club to end the year with at least one more member than you started with.** If we succeed, we'll surpass the lofty goal, requested by LCI, of a net gain of 26 new members this year. They're calling it MISSION: POSSIBLE!

Directories will be distributed soon, and a digital version will be made available on our website. Please excuse the delay brought on by the transition to the new Lions Portal. Special thanks go to Rostraver Township Lion Kim Mesher for her work on this important document.

Lions make each day a special day. You know how! 😊 See you around the Neighborhood!

**DG Jeff Jordan**

## First Vice District Governor Message...

Dear Fellow Lions:

As the “Dog days of summer” come to an end, the end of my August went to the dogs... Literally! Leader Dogs that is!

A perk of being a Vice District Governor is an exclusive invitation to tour the facilities of Leader Dogs for the Blind located in Rochester Hills, Michigan. It is an opportunity to spend the weekend with other Vice District Governors throughout Pennsylvania as well as meeting Lions from other districts. We had Lions from as far south as Miami, north in Canada, and west from Washington state. Our group was one of the largest groups that Leader Dogs has seen in awhile coming in at 60+ lions.



During our visit, we spent that day at the facility where we were given a tour and overview of the campus. We had the opportunity to listen to stories by two of their clients who have benefited from the services provided by Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Throughout the day, we participated in various workshops and discussions, and it was through this experience that I gained a new way of seeing the world through the eyes of a blind person. And more importantly, I came home with a new appreciation for this organization, what they do, what they stand for and how we Lions make such a powerful contribution to this organization, not only through the money we help raise, but through our support and advocacy.

Leader Dogs give clients the tools and skills they need to successfully navigate and thrive in a sight-driven world. We give them hope and independence. Leader Dogs is 100% philanthropically funded which means that all the programs are available to clients at no cost. In addition to guide dogs, they have created their own Orientation and Mobility Program to teach and give their clients options, like how to use a white cane. During our visit, we VDGs had the opportunity to test our skills using a white cane and were given the chance to see what it is like to work with a guide dog. When we went back to the hotel, we participated in “Dinner in the Dark” where we all dined with blindfolds on.

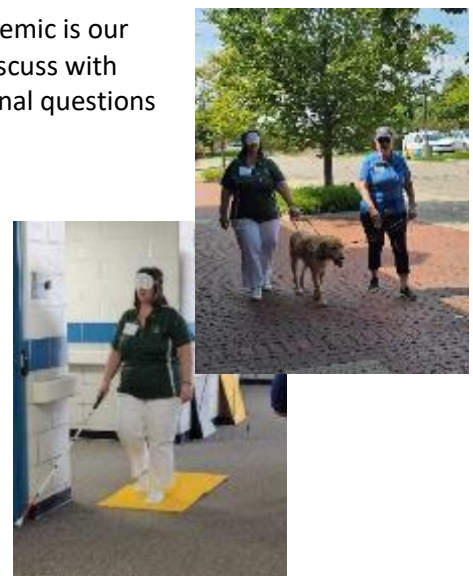
And of course, the puppies! I can’t forget to mention the puppies! And right now, there is a critical need in this area. There are incredible opportunities available for Lions to contribute to this program. Two in particular are through puppy sponsorship or becoming a puppy raiser. And currently, there is a demand, RIGHT NOW, for puppy raisers. You do not need to be a Lion to be a raiser. If you know somebody who is good with animals, loves dogs, and would make a great raiser, please let them know about this program!

And while I could go on for DAYS talking about Leader Dogs, Lion Amanda Remic is our District’s Leader Dog Chairperson, and she would be more than happy to discuss with your club more information about this organization and answer any additional questions you may have.

On a separate note, and just a reminder, our first Club Support meeting of the year will be held on **Sunday evening, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 7-8PM via ZOOM**. You don’t want to miss this special session on the WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and WHY of Social Media and how important it is to have a digital footprint of your club. Find the link to register in this email, or reach out to me and I will send it to you!

True service beings when we see the world through the eyes of others.....

*VDG Lion Lisa G*



There is still time to sign-up! Use the link in this flyer, email, or reach out to me [lisgis67@gmail.com](mailto:lisgis67@gmail.com)



# DISTRICT 14-E CLUB SUPPORT SESSION

## REMINDER!

Join Us for our first Club Support Session of the year:  
Social Media 101!

- Date:** Sunday, September 8, 2023
- Time:** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Location:** Zoom (Link will be provided upon registration)

**Learn how to enhance your Lions Club's digital presence!**  
This club support session will cover the essentials of creating and managing a successful social media strategy, with a focus on Facebook. Discover tips and tools to engage your community, increase visibility, and showcase your club's impact.

### Topics Include:

- The importance of a digital footprint
- Setting up and optimizing your Facebook page
- Creating engaging content
- Utilizing tools like Canva and Pic Collage
- Best practices for posting and interacting

### Register Now!

To receive the Zoom link, please fill out this form by September 1, 2024. Just copy/paste this link into your browser to enroll:

<https://forms.gle/uVJAqURswZgbpijd6>

**Don't miss this opportunity to boost your club's online presence and connect with your community!**



*Westmoreland County District 14e Lions*  
**HALLOWEEN  
PARTY**



**SUNDAY, OCT. 13, 2024**  
**1:00-4:00 PM**

*Level Green Lions Building*  
*123 Murrysville Road*

RSVP to DG Jeff Jordan at  
[Jeffreybob14e@gmail.com](mailto:Jeffreybob14e@gmail.com)

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\$5 per person  pizza & snacks

*Costumes encouraged!*

Dear Lions and Leos,

Our 2024-2025 Lions Clubs International President is Fabricio Oliveira, from Brazil. His theme is “Make Your Mark.” In order to accomplish this, we are being challenged to reach beyond our comfort zones to add and retain more members and clubs than ever before, not to boast about being the largest service organization, but **to provide more service.**

Just when you thought that we've exhausted all of our membership ideas, we realized that there are new ways to approach individuals and accomplish our goals, IF we ALL are open to learning. Recently, DG Jeff, PDG Tom, and I attended a Global Action Team Mission 1.5 Summit where I was a facilitator. During the two intensive days of learning from each other, we practiced different techniques for engaging potential members based on their interests, practicing conversational recruiting techniques, rather than the usual “Elevator Speech.” We also learned about Asset Mapping and Asset Based Community Development to partner with local organizations, particularly libraries, scouts, and other non-profit groups.

After hearing a number of motivational Success Stories, every district shared their successes and challenges with other Global Action Team (GAT) Members from throughout the United States. The attendees then worked together with their district and multiple district GAT teams to revisit and refine the district goals, but it takes EVERYONE working together to accomplish the goals.

After all, membership is everyone’s responsibility. In the past nine years, Constitutional Area 1 (CA1), the United States and the English-speaking islands of the Caribbean, have lost two Director positions due to CA1's membership losses during the past 45 years. Rumor has it that we may lose another two or three members in the near future. Perhaps this won’t mean very much to your club members. However, Lions Clubs began here in the United States, and this is where our headquarters should remain. Likewise, do you REALLY want the other areas of the world to determine our policies? Each of our communities is different, but each depends on our Lions service. Without our help, even more individuals and families would struggle.

So, PLEASE reach out to other organizations and community members to help us make our communities more dynamic and viable because the future of Lionism in Westmoreland County and the United States depends on each of us. Let this be the year that we “Make Our Mark.” Thank you for all that you do.

Yours in Service,  
Cindy Gregg, Past International Director (2013-2015)

# **MISSION 1.5 IS ABOUT GROWTH**

**IT IS ABOUT GROWING OUR EXISTING CLUBS THROUGH RETENTION  
AND RECRUITING NEW LIONS WHILE ALSO CHARTERING NEW  
CLUBS, ALL WITH THE GOAL OF SERVING MORE PEOPLE**

Greetings Fellow Lions!!

I made it to/from San Antonio for LCIF training safe and sound with no mishaps! During my training, I was informed that our District's donation goal is \$21,000 for this year. This is an average of \$30 per member. This can include District Donations, club donations and all individual direct donations made. When making a direct donation, please be sure to note your Club name and District so proper credit is given. I also have the new International President's Donor Pins for those who donate at the benchmark levels! There are many easy ways to give. If you need more information, please contact me or google Lions Clubs International Foundation and explore the options for yourselves.

I am looking forward to sharing Lions Clubs International Foundation with all of you and hopefully there is something you will be able to store in your memory banks for future use.

As you know, there are many grant opportunities available through LCIF. The most well-known is the Disaster Relief Grant. This grant helps restore everyday life for victims of natural disasters such as floods, tornadoes, hurricanes and fires, just to name a few. Just a few weeks ago, District G had several areas that experienced severe flooding as a result of Hurricane Debby. They applied for an Emergency Grant and were approved for \$10,000 very quickly and our District, along with others, also donated money to assist with their clean-up efforts. Other Disaster Grants include Preparedness Grants, Community Recovery Grants and Major Catastrophe Grants, and these are all made possible from our donations. Did you know that there are 25.3 million people displaced each year by disasters, over 12,000 lost lives from flooding, and 28,500 deaths from windstorms, tornadoes, cyclones, hurricanes, and wildfires? Therefore, it is imperative that we continue to give to LCIF so Lions can continue to help those in need.

Working together, I am certain we can reach these goals in order to improve the lives of those in need, so we can "Make Our Mark" in the World!!

Your Neighbor in Service,  
*IPDG Amy*



Westmoreland County  
Blind Association



## YOU'RE INVITED

Save the date for WCBA's third annual BINGO fundraiser!

- Date: Saturday, October 5, 2024
- Time: Begins at 11:45 a.m.
- Where: West Point Fire Hall in Greensburg
- Cost: \$25 per person

We've got a great afternoon planned that includes lunch, 20+ games, strip tickets, 50/50, gift baskets, and more! Stay tuned for more details.



If you'd like to donate a prize or gift basket please [email Amy Patz](mailto:amy@wcba.org) or give her a call at 724-837-1250 ext 11.



# LEADERSHIP

Fellow Lions,

Fall is coming, leaves will be changing soon, and we need to accept change as well. In today's world we all must learn to accept change. Change with technology, funds and everyday events. It's become a technical world, as cars, computers, and phones are a very important part of our everyday use. Just think about how the phone has changed over the years and how we all have adapted to it. Lions, as well, are evolving with change. Look back over the years to see how things were and how they are now.... zoom meetings, electronic payments, and working with other clubs and organizations to better serve our communities.

Learning is what makes a better Leader. Leadership is a very important part of our Lions organization. Without Leadership, our clubs will be weak and fall apart, they won't grow, expand or continue. I hope you and your clubs can uncover and grow our future Leaders. Remember, there are Lions that want to or may be interested in stepping up into a Leadership role. In with growth and change, out with the stale past. We as Lions have to remember the past but live in the present and for the future. We might not feel comfortable about trying new things, but you must take a chance to try it to see what works.

Lions, please think about what I have mentioned and know I will be looking forward to seeing how you and your clubs are evolving to make changes work for you and your communities!

Yours In Service,

*PDG/GLT Chuck*





# Annual Pennsylvania Lions



## Fall Leadership Symposium

**“CERTIFIED GUIDING LION WORKSHOP”**

**\*2 LOCATIONS\***

**Saturday, October 5, 2024 9 AM-2 PM**

**PA Lions State Office**

**949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111**

*Lunch available for a \$8.00 donation (Pay at the Door)*

**\*OR\***

**Sunday, October 6, 2024 Noon-5 PM**

**Butler County Association for the Blind**

**322 N. Cedar Street, Butler, PA 16001**

*Snacks will be available*



**FREE & OPEN to all MD-14 Lions**

**To register contact PDG Kerry McKnight at**

**[MD14GLT-LEARN@yahoo.com](mailto:MD14GLT-LEARN@yahoo.com) or call (717)759-0711**

**Space is Limited!**

***Empowerment is the key to success!***





# MEMBERSHIP

## GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM – BRING SOMEONE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

### DISTRICT 14-E MEMBERSHIP

**688 Members**

District Membership stands at 688 Lions.

District Governor Jeff Jordan has set his membership goals for the year.

We want to see overall net positive membership of +26. This means every Club in the District needs to set a goal of finishing +1 this Lions year.

Included in the membership goals are bringing 1 new Lions Clubs and 1 branch/new Club to the District.

Congratulations to the Greensburg East Hempfield Lions Club (+1) for their membership growth efforts this past month.

*Neighbors in Service  
Make Your Mark*



### BRING SOMEONE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD

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*Bring Someone was the idea introduced last year of bringing in new Members to Lionism. We will focus this year on bringing in those Members to our Neighborhoods. While our Clubs are part of and Serve the Neighborhoods we are from, we will focus on those Clubs as Neighborhoods in themselves and the bonds we have as Lions.*

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#### Make Your Mark – There's a Leader Inside Every Lion

"And leaders know that, through collective action and individual commitment, we can inspire and empower whole communities. Make them healthier and stronger than ever before. And making our mark in the process." I.P. Fabricio Oliveira

A benefit of being a Lion, a thing that can improve a member's satisfaction as a Lion, is the opportunity to learn leadership. We need effective leaders in our Clubs and our District to help ensure that we are effective in our service.

If you are looking for ways to get more out of our Lions experience, consider a role in Club leadership. You do not have to go right to the top right away either. Start with a chair position, or something you might specialize in like accounting (treasurer) or maybe you like social media (publicity chair).

A Lion that is comfortable in their Club means they will become active and stay involved and remain in Lions for years.



#### Grow to Give More

As the need for service grows, we need to grow too. Work to invite new members so that we can meet our Mission 1.5 goal. We need to continue to grow to bring more Lions into service for our communities.

#### Take the Next Step

With new members we grow not only the ability to do more service but also foster a pool of potential Lions leaders. New leaders won't always step forward so keep an eye out and encourage Lions who you think might make good leaders to step outside their comfort zones or to do things they might



already be good at. New leaders might have ideas for new service. New service might inspire others to join us as Lions and the cycle continues.

We lead by example. Success can help unlock out true potential and inspire other Lions to do the same.

### Questions and Answers

**Q: What is a way to promote member satisfaction in a Lions Club?**

**A:** Involving a Lion in a Club is important from day 1 of the person's membership. Find roles for the person to lead and develop that leadership along the way. Maybe an individual hasn't had the chance to showcase some of these skills in the past and they might find out something new about themselves.

**Q: What are the District Goals for membership growth this Lions Year?**

**A:** Positive 26 New Members and 2 New Lions Club. We all have a role to play in this goal. Our Clubs should be working to set new growth goals now and work the steps necessary to achieve those goals.

### Contact Me

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 Export, PA 15632  
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 lremic@hotmail.com





New  
Members!

**Welcome to the New Members of  
District 14-E**

**Name:**

**Barbara Yates**

**Club:**

**Greensburg East Hempfield**

**Sponsor:**

**Dennis Yates**



# SERVICE

## SERVICE

70  
Overall Activity Count in FY

16,936  
Overall People Served in FY

3,304  
Overall Volunteer Hours in FY

25%  
Clubs Reporting in FY

At the last cabinet meeting there was some discussion about reporting service. For your report to actually get submitted you must check the box under “Report Complete” or it will not record your service. As you can see below, this report status is now “Reported”. Another thing that is not showing up on the report are the fundraising entries. Enter the fundraising report but you should also enter the service to where the money goes. For example, when your club has a fundraising dinner to raise money for diabetes you should enter it twice. Once for the fundraising part and another for the actual donation (service) to the organization. If you have any questions feel free to e-mail [cimcgrew1@verizon.net](mailto:cimcgrew1@verizon.net).

| Service Activity SA-06002441                                                             |                     |                 | Service Activity SA-06002441                                                                        |                     |          |
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| Title                                                                                    | Sponsor             | Status          | Title                                                                                               | Sponsor             | Status   |
| District Golf Outing                                                                     | SEWICKLEY AREA L.C. | Ready to Report | District Golf Outing                                                                                | SEWICKLEY AREA L.C. | Reported |
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September is Childhood Cancer awareness month. See in this newsletter for some projects that your club can do. Our district is once again collecting new books for the Hershey Medical Center. Continue to read this exciting newsletter for more information.

Another easy service projects your club can do is collect eyeglasses, donate books to your local library, and clean up the highway.

Have a happy fall,  
PDG Charlie McGrew  
GST 14-E

MY MEMBERSHIP

MY CLUB

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## PROJECT IDEAS CHILDHOOD CANCER

### LEARN

- Raise club awareness about childhood cancer by holding an educational talk with a healthcare professional or public health official at your club or district meeting or related events.
- Collaborate with a local childhood cancer hospital or support home staff to learn about the needs of their patients and families. Brainstorm ways your club can address key challenges and gaps.
- Research and develop a list of local childhood cancer organizations in your community to support future projects.
- Identify local advocacy events related to childhood cancer and explore ways to get involved.

### ACT // BEGINNER

- Identify nearby childhood cancer centers and support homes to request a wish or needs list. Conduct a drive to donate the requested items.
- Prepare healthy meals for families with children undergoing treatment. This can be done in collaboration with other community members to ensure the family receives food on a regular basis.
- Collect recyclable materials and donate the profits to a childhood cancer organization.
- Write cards full of well-wishes and share them with a local cancer center.
- Donate financial support or gift cards to identified families in need or a nearby childhood cancer center. This could cover expenses like gasoline, parking, food, medical expenses, etc.
- Make or buy new hats, caps, head scarves or blankets to donate to childhood cancer centers.
- Volunteer at a local childhood cancer organization fundraising event.
- Organize a community drive to assemble a toy library for the enjoyment of patients.
- Participate in a blood donation or bone marrow registry event to benefit cancer treatment.

### ACT // INTERMEDIATE

- Collaborate with an organization that makes wigs for children with cancer to collect and donate hair.
- Provide tutoring services to children with cancer, their siblings, or adult learning opportunities for parents.
- Organize an event with a cancer support center to have family photographs taken.
- Raise awareness of childhood cancer through informational pamphlet distribution, radio public service announcements, or social media campaigns.
- Provide children's entertainment at a local hospital or treatment center for children with cancer. Entertainment can include social visits to read books and play games, hosting a seasonal party, or spending time with siblings of patients.
- Provide funding support for essential medicines and supportive services. Crucial medical needs could include chemotherapy supplies, nutritional supplements, medical equipment, essential staff, etc.
- Participate in a one-time volunteer activity at a childhood cancer camp.
- Organize a community childhood cancer awareness event such as a walk/run event or pamphlet distribution.

### ACT // ADVANCED

- Familiarize yourself with the bone marrow transplant registry. If one is not established in your country, determine what would be needed to create one.
- Organize an advocacy event to impact government policy around childhood cancer.
- Acquire and equip vehicles for the transportation of patients and family members for commuting to and from the hospital.
- Volunteer at established support housing facilities or develop a new one.
- Make yarn character wigs (ex. Superhero, princess) for children with cancer.
- Organize a workshop with medical specialists in child oncology for pediatric physicians, nurses, related medical personnel, or parents to train on early diagnosis of childhood cancer.
- Organize a fun half-day retreat for families of children in remission or the siblings of children with cancer.
- Furnish waiting rooms for the families and guests of children with cancer.
- Organize and facilitate an activity at a childhood cancer camp.
- Create mini-kitchens at hospitals or support homes for food preparation and supply with food.
- Organize a fundraiser for a childhood cancer organization, or for a local family who has been impacted by childhood cancer.



# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

DISTRICT 14-E

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Lions,

As we enter the fall season, September provides us with another opportunity to work on the Global Cause of Childhood Cancer. September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and there are several projects that we can do to increase awareness of this terrible disease.

Holding a special fundraising activity with your club, or in conjunction with other civic organizations in your community. Go to the Four Diamonds Web Page and check out the "Play for the Kids" ideas. Many of the chain restaurants, as well as local restaurants, promote community involvement and charitable giving. I am proposing that the final week of September 23 –29, be "**Strike Out Childhood Cancer.**" Find a restaurant in your community in which to partner and hold a fundraiser by inviting the community to dinner. I have included a list of Chain Restaurants that do community fundraising events. Many of them do not require you to sell anything; however, most ask that you distribute a flyer or card listing the date of the event. When these are returned that evening, the restaurant donates a percentage of the income to your cause.

If your club or district participates in "**Strike Out Childhood Cancer,**" please send an e-mail with the amount raised to Four Diamonds to show how successful this type of project is.

Let us show Pennsylvania and the Lions of the world what we can accomplish when we unite and "sail beyond the horizon" for this great cause so that "**Where There is a Need, There is a Westmoreland County Lion.**"

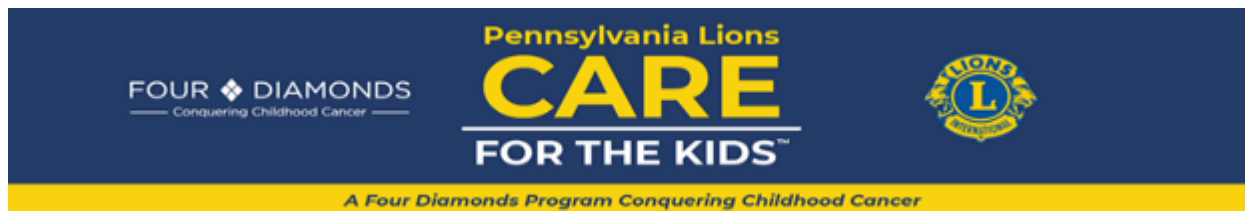
Yours in Lionism,

**Tom Gregg, PDG**

PDG Tom Gregg

D 14-E Childhood Cancer





Dear PA Lions,

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and a great opportunity for us to really focus on our [PA Lions "Care - For The Kids™,"](#) campaign, which will raise funds and awareness for children fighting cancer.

Did you know?

[In the U.S., more children die from cancer than any other disease.](#) An estimated 16,000 children will be diagnosed with cancer this year, and approximately 1 in 5 children will not survive.

So, what can YOU do to help Four Diamonds in their quest to conquer childhood cancer? Below are some easy and fun ways you or your club can get involved.

1. Visit our PA Lions "Care - For The Kids™" campaign landing page ([www.FourDiamonds.org/PALions](http://www.FourDiamonds.org/PALions)) to make a one-time or monthly recurring donation to Four Diamonds through your Club's page.
2. Review the attached "Fundraising Page How To" document to learn how to create a personal fundraising page, ask others to support your efforts, and share your page via email and on social media.
3. Utilize the attached PA Lions "Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Graphics" on your social media channel(s) and website(s) to show your support and encourage others to get involved.
4. Organize and host a special fundraising event (basket raffle, dinner, etc.) with your club or other local clubs to raise funds for Four Diamonds.
5. HAVE FUN! 🎉

Here's what your donation can do:

- \$50 provides nutritional therapy for a child fighting cancer
- \$100 provides psychological counseling, providing kids and families the tools to communicate and heal
- \$300 covers a tube of antibodies used to help with research
- \$2,500 funds a small research experiment for one week

Should you choose to make an offline donation (cash or check made payable to *Four Diamonds*) you can mail them to:

Four Diamonds  
Attn: Hannah Woodward  
1249 Cocoa Avenue, Suite 115  
P.O. Box 852  
Hershey, PA 17033-0852

Thank you for helping kids conquer childhood cancer.

**Yours in Service,**  
PDG Thomas L. (Tom) Gregg  
*MD 14 GST Coordinator*

Follow Four Diamonds on:



## Hoss' Steak and Seafood

### Community Nights Fundraiser

Invite friends, family and your community to dine at Hoss's and your organization takes home 20-25 percent of the total spent by your group!

#### Here's How It Works:

- The Hoss's team will help you identify a day on which your fundraiser will take place.
- Hoss's will provide your organization with invitations for you to distribute to supporters, inviting them to dine at Hoss's on your fundraising day.
- On that day, our servers will collect the invitations and tally the guest checks from your supporters.
- At the end of the night, if the total pre-tax amount is at least \$300, Hoss's will send your organization a check for 20% of the total.
- If the total pre-tax amount is at least \$1,200, Hoss's will send your organization a check for 25% of the total.

#### Best of All:

- You sell nothing
- It's easy to manage
- Hoss's provides the invitations
- One invitation is good for the entire check
- Please contact a manager at a location near you for more details

## Outback Steakhouse

#### Donation Request

*How do I get a donation from Outback Steakhouse for my non-profit organization or event?*

Outback Steakhouse is committed to being a strong contributor to the communities we serve. Donation requests (including requests for donations of gift certificates and food) should be submitted in writing to the managing partner of your local Outback Steakhouse. Requests should be submitted on your organization's official letterhead, including the organization's full name, address, phone, and fax numbers. State your donation request, when it is needed, and how it will benefit the community. Please use our [Restaurant Locator](#) to determine the Outback Steakhouse nearest you.

## Olive Garden

#### Donations

*How do I make a request for a donation?*

Olive Garden donates to charitable causes that benefit the community. Donation requests can be submitted in writing to the general manager of your local Olive Garden. This includes requests for donations of gift certificates or food.

Request should be on your organization's official letterhead, including the organizations full name, address, phone and fax numbers. State your donation request, when it is needed and how it will benefit the community. Please submit written requests 30 days prior to the date the donation is needed. Unfortunately, it's not possible to honor every request that we receive. Please accept our apology in advance if we are not able to fulfill your request.



## Red Lobster

### Charitable Donations

*How can I request donations for my organization?*

We're always looking for ways to give back to our communities. In a perfect world, we'd help everyone, but our resources are limited so we focus on nonprofit, charitable organizations that align with our core values of Respect, Integrity, Genuine Caring, Hospitality and Teamwork. If you think your organization is a good fit, please send your request in writing to [RedLobsterDonations@redlobster.com](mailto:RedLobsterDonations@redlobster.com).

## Texas Roadhouse

Texas Roadhouse donates to many charitable causes that benefit the community. Donation requests can be submitted in writing to the Managing Partner of your local Texas Roadhouse. This includes requests for donations of gift certificates or food.

Find a specific Texas Roadhouse [location](#) and submit your request today!

To ensure that we can process your request as quickly as possible, please submit your request on your organization's official letterhead. Also, please include the following information:

- The charitable organization's full name
- Address
- Phone and fax numbers
- The donation request
- Date the donation is needed
- Purpose of use

Written requests should be submitted 30 days prior to the date the donation is needed. Unfortunately, we can't say "yes" to every request that we receive. Please accept our apologies if we are not able to help your organization at this time.

## Longhorn Steakhouse

### Donations

How do I make a request for donation of food or a gift card?

Our company strives to help as many organizations as we can and is always looking for impactful ways to support the communities in which we operate. Our resources are limited, so donation requests are reserved for non-profit, charitable organizations that align with our core values.

Local restaurants manage donations so please contact them directly. The request should be made in writing and we ask that you please mail it on your organization's letterhead at least six weeks before your request is needed.

We also appreciate your understanding in advance that we are not able to support all of the requests that we receive.

To inquire about the status of your request, please follow up with the restaurant directly.

To learn more about our commitment to the communities we serve, please visit the website of our parent company, Darden Restaurants, at [www.darden.com/citizenship/people/community-involvement](http://www.darden.com/citizenship/people/community-involvement).

Will Longhorn Steakhouse sponsor my sports team or event?

Local restaurants manage sponsorships for sport teams and events. Please contact them directly. The request should be made in writing and we ask that you please mail it on your organization's letterhead at least six weeks before your request is needed.

We also appreciate your understanding in advance that we are not able to support all of the requests that we receive.

To inquire about the status of your request, please follow up with the restaurant directly.

## Applebees

*Would Applebee's® be interested in raising funds for my cause or charity?*

We appreciate your interest in having Applebee's® International involved in your fund-raising project. All requests for funding and in-kind gifts, such as gift certificates, must be submitted in writing on your organization's letterhead. If the request is regarding a specific event, please remember to include the date of your event as well as a contact name and phone number. You may email your request to [Marketing@Applebees.com](mailto:Marketing@Applebees.com) or contact your neighborhood Applebee's® restaurant. For address information, please use our [restaurant locator](#).

## Red Robin

### Donations & Sponsorships

Red Robin is overjoyed to be a part of the communities we serve.

In addition to our annual Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation, we also support Special Olympics, and Denver Kids, Inc.

At this time, Red Robin is not seeking opportunities for national or local partnerships or sponsorships. In addition, we are not accepting product, in-kind or gift card requests.

We have two tasty Fundraising options:

With 20% Back Spirit Nights and 10% Back Bulk Gift Card Sales, your organization or school can be enjoying Gourmet Burgers and earning funds in no time:

- Set up a Spirit Night and earn 20% back for your 501 (c) 3 organization from fundraising sales during your event. Attendees just need to mention your organization's event, show the flyer or show an image of the invitation on their phone so their sales will be applied to your event. Please fill out our form [redrobin.com/fundraisers/request-form.html](http://redrobin.com/fundraisers/request-form.html) to request a Spirit Night.
- Purchase \$500 or more in gift cards at a 10% discount. Sell them at face value and your organization keeps the difference. To order bulk gift cards, just send an e-mail to [LRM@redrobin.com](mailto:LRM@redrobin.com) . Gift cards must be ordered in \$25 increments.

For more information on how Red Robin is giving back to our communities, please visit our [Giving Back](#) section on our website.

# I spy with my little eye...



Our first BIG check presentation of the new Lions' year happened during our first cabinet meeting in held earlier in August.

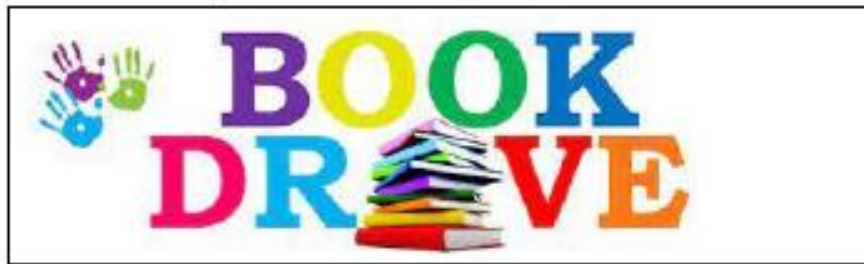
PDG Lance Remic presented PID Cindy Gregg and the Rostraver Lions Club with a Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation grant of \$2,450 for the **Reading Under the Stars** book program. This program provided 1,400 books to students in the Belle Vernon Area School District!

What a neighborly way to partner with an organization in your community!

Well done Rostraver Lions Club!



# District 14-E Lions Book Drive



District 14-E will be having its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Book Drive for Pediatric Cancer patients at Hershey Medical Center in time for Christmas!

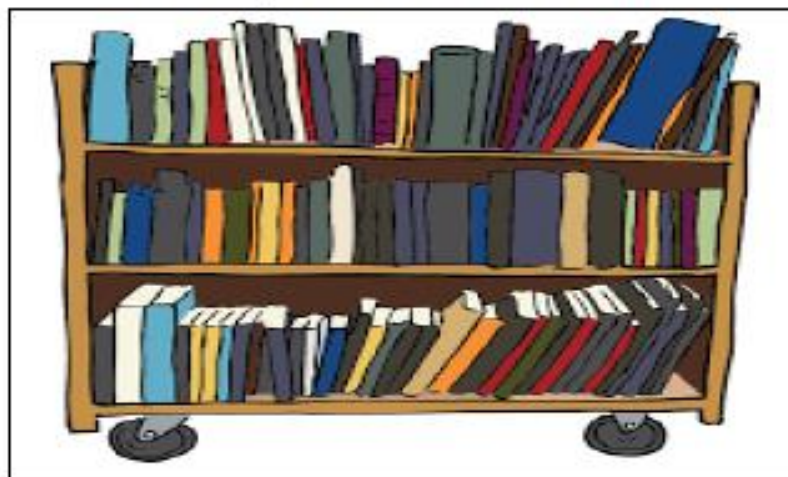
**WANTED:** New books for children and adults up to age 35. Or you can send money for books to be purchased.

**WHEN:** Books or money can be given to IPDG Amy prior to November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**WHAT:** After books are purchased and received, there will be a labeling and packing party on November 23<sup>rd</sup> as all books will have a label placed in them to note they are from District 14-E in memory of Samuel Grimm before they are shipped off to Lion Ashley Grimm & the Hershey Medical Center to be distributed for Christmas.

**WHY:** Because books can give the children and parents some much needed relief from their situations, and more importantly, because

**WE CARE and WE SERVE!!**





## LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

# PEACE

THE 2024-2025 CONTEST

### Peace Without Limits

For peace to be anything more than a possibility, we need to make it a priority. This year, we're asking our young students to create a poster that speaks to our world's infinite potential for kindness once we commit to pursuing the idea of peace without limits.



### Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting following deadlines will be disqualified.

## International Peace Essay Contest

Created to give an opportunity for visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace, the International Essay Contest is a staple of Lions clubs around the world. Lions work with local schools and area families to identify young people who are interested in participating and who could benefit from this program. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

### Contest Guidelines

Students who are visually impaired, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays must be no longer than 500 words in length, submitted in English, typed in black ink and double-spaced.

**These contests will be judged at the November cabinet meeting.**



# Pajama Drive

supporting

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**Children & Youth Services**

**(Foster Care)**

*of our PA Counties*

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**What:** pajamas of all sizes from newborn through age 18.

*The greatest need is for teenage youth.*

(Appropriate PJs please, no spaghetti straps or short-shorts.)

**When:** through October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Where:** give the pajamas to your local Lions Club.

The Lions will bring them to our PA Lions Council Meeting at the Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey on October 25, 2024.

for more information contact [LionLisa14U@gmail.com](mailto:LionLisa14U@gmail.com)



**We Serve**



# Women and Families & Literacy

It is back to school time, because I just had my first delay traveling to work on country roads, where the bus seems to stop at every house along the way. I am sure you might be guessing the tune that was playing in my head, "The wheels on the bus go round and round, round and round, round and round!" I know you can see the image in your head or have had a similar experience. This year is bringing a whole host of new experiences regarding school schedules, after school activities, cell phones, tablets, school supplies and clothes shopping. My 14 y/o granddaughter is now a permanent member of our household and wow, how things have changed since my child rearing days! Kids are thinking differently and toys that made us squeal with delight are not even on their radar.

I am having difficulty understanding why my granddaughter says she is bored. This is my biggest obstacle, because I can look around and find a million things that need done! I believe my tasks must be boring, not fun. I am an A-type personality, and I work from daylight to dark, that is how I have accomplished so much in my life. However, despite all these challenges I know I am impacting her future by instilling good manners, social behavior, chores, allowances, and praise into my already busy schedule. Even though I may sound like I am complaining, I am loving the bond I am building with my teenage granddaughter. Nothing starts your day better than a child's smile, hug, and "I love you" as you drive away. To me this supersedes winning the lottery and the only cost is investment in her future.

In closing, children require time and attention, adventure, boundaries, and love. When you can, have influence in a child's life, it will pay off in their future. Remember, wherever there is a need, there is a Lion!

Till next month....

Mary Popovich





## District 14-E Lions Facebook Page

facebook



Like Us on Facebook – District 14 E Lions

District 14-E Lions - The Official Facebook Page of District 14-E

Send your information to Amanda or Lance Remic for your Club's activities to be posted to the District's Facebook page. We want to show all that is being done by Lions of District 14-E.

Send info advertising your upcoming events or share photos of the events that have taken place to show the fun and success your Club had.

Email your info to [akbrant@atlanticbb.net](mailto:akbrant@atlanticbb.net) (Amanda) or [lremic@hotmail.com](mailto:lremic@hotmail.com) (Lance)  
Or text your info to 724-984-7644 (Amanda) or 724-309-6750 (Lance).



Scan this QR Code to check out the District  
14E Website!

What is a QR Code?



QR codes are 2D barcodes which contain any kind of information that can redirect scanners to online information. This QR Code, when scanned, will take you to the District 14E website. Try it out!  
(you will need to have a QR Reader app on your phone )





The Slickville & Youngwood  
Lions Clubs



# BINGO



**\$1,500.00 Jackpot**

Regular \$200.00, "X" \$300.00

Coverall \$1,000.00

All Regular Bingo's win \$50.00

Lunch Included

50/50 Ticket Sale

Basket Raffle

Strip Tickets

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Youngwood Fire Hall

104 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Youngwood

\$25.00 Admission

Doors Open 11:30

Lunch 12:00-1:00

Bingo Starts at 1:30

For tickets contact:

Lion Amanda Remic - [akremic@icloud.com](mailto:akremic@icloud.com) or 724.984.7644

Lion Ron Brown - [heatmastr@comcast.net](mailto:heatmastr@comcast.net) or 412.610.2003





## Join us for the LDBAW

“Labor Day Diabetes 14-B and  
14-E Districts Golf Challenge”

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF  
THE LION DIABETES CENTER

# Saturday, September 7, 2024



Butler's Golf Course, Elizabeth, PA  
Shotgun: 9:00am (8:00 am registration)  
Cost: \$125.00 per golfer  
(Dinner only—\$30)



**Event Major Sponsor \$2,500**  
(Includes 8 golfers, Souvenir Recognition, 4-Dinners, Tee Sign)

**Type 1 - \$1,500**  
(includes Foursome and Tee Sign)

**Type 2 - \$1,000**  
(Includes Twosome and Tee sign)



**Beverage Cart - \$250**  
**Tee or Green - \$100 (sign)**  
**Dinner Only - \$30**

Mail Check to Chairman:

PDG Joe Donkin (14B)  
403 Oak Drive  
Elizabeth, PA 15037  
pdg92932@aol.com



Mail Check to Co-Chairman:

PDG Tom Gregg (14E)  
1130 Willowbrook Road  
Rostraver Township, PA  
15012

Make Checks Payable to: (LDBAW A501C3)  
Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties

# Allegheny & Westmoreland County Lions Clubs: **Raffle Baskets Needed**



31<sup>st</sup> Annual LDBAW Golf Challenge  
Butler's Golf Course, Elizabeth, PA  
Saturday, September 7, 2024



Businesses, Community Groups, Lions Clubs, and Individuals are encouraged and welcome to contribute a basket to this important fundraising event benefiting education and health programs sponsored by the Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties. Programs are based at UPMC McKeesport, UPMC East in Monroeville, and Independence (Excela) Westmoreland Hospital in Greensburg.

## **Basket, Gift Card, or Donation Specifications:**

- Recommended value \$25 and up.
- No alcoholic beverages may be included (gift cards for alcohol are acceptable).
- Items will be due the week of the event, or can brought directly to the event registration table at 8am *with prior notice*. Drop-offs and pickups can be arranged.
- **To add your name, business, or club to the Basket Raffle donor list, please contact DG Jeff Jordan at [jeffreybob14e@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreybob14e@gmail.com).**

Company, Group, Club, or Individual Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Donor Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Donation/Theme of Basket, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide intended donation information to DG Jeff Jordan as soon as you can:

**Email:** [jeffreybob14e@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreybob14e@gmail.com)

**Phone/text:** 412-418-3646

**Mail:** 358 McWilliams Road, Trafford, PA 15085

**Thank you for  
your support!**

# PUPPY SPONSORSHIP

A \$500 donation allows you to choose from a select group of puppies to symbolically sponsor and receive:

- ▶ A portrait of your sponsored Future Leader Dog suitable for framing
- ▶ Four wallet-size photos to share
- ▶ A profile of your Future Leader Dog with fun information such as personality traits, favorite toys and more
- ▶ An official sponsorship certificate
- ▶ **Each sponsorship comes with a matching plush puppy!**



**Juno**  
Michigan



**Toffee**  
Wisconsin



**Raider**  
Michigan-Bellamy Creek CF



**Mali**  
Michigan



**Brandy**  
Illinois

**YES!** I would like to sponsor a puppy!

Name (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring (please circle ONE puppy) Juno   Toffee   Raider   Mali   Brandy

Please make check payable to "Leader Dogs for the Blind" with "Puppy Sponsorship" in the memo.  
Mail to: Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115  
You can also sponsor a puppy online at [LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy](http://LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy)



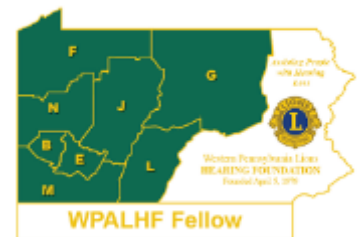
- Raised by volunteer Lion puppy raisers

# Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation Fellowship Application

## Offering Support Through The Fellowship Program

The Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation Fellowship has been established to help provide funding for the continuance of providing hearing aids for individuals in need. By naming a person a WPLHF Fellow your contribution goes toward helping those with hearing challenges be able to once again hear and communicate with the world around them.

For a \$250.00 donation the recipient of the fellowship will receive a lapel pin and plaque indicating them as a fellow. The recipient of this award need not be a Lion. Anyone who supports the process of improving hearing can be honored with this award.



The application can be found in the Newsletter Email. Just scroll down and find the block that says “Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation Fellowship Application” and click on it.

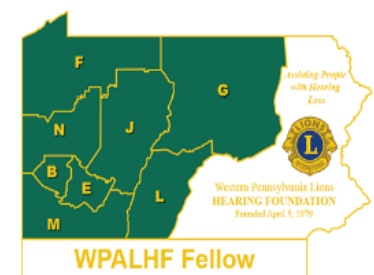
If you wish for a copy to be emailed to you, please reach out to PDG Lance Remic or myself at the following emails:

[Lremic@hotmail.com](mailto:Lremic@hotmail.com) | [lisgis67@gmail.com](mailto:lisgis67@gmail.com)

## Offering Support Through A Donation

Financial support from contributors, like you, is the Foundation's only source of funds. Your contribution can help ensure that there will be adequate funding to continue providing service for deaf and hard of hearing individuals. The Foundation will also accept donated hearing aids.

If you, your Lions Club or organization would like a presentation or if you are interested in making a donation contact the chairperson (director) in your Lions District.



**CLUB HAPPENINGS! Please support your District's Clubs**

# MANOR LIONS



**SATURDAY, September 14th**

**11 AM – UNTIL SOLD OUT**

**\$10 for 1/2 CHICKEN, ROLL, APPLESAUCE,  
COOKIE and DRINK**

**Rt. 993 at Roberts Roofing parking lot**

**COME HELP SUPPORT THE LIONS CLUB  
SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY**



# Norwin Lions Club 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mini Golf Tournament



Kerber's Dairy  
Saturday, September 14, 2024 - 9am to 1pm

\$15 Ticket Includes :  
One round of mini golf  
Hotdogs and light refreshments  
Door prize entry  
Performance awards

Scan the QR code or contact a member of the Norwin Lions Club to purchase your tickets!

Go to [NorwinLions.Com](http://NorwinLions.Com) for additional information

We thank you for your support!



Serving the Norwin Area  
Since 1955

# Lions Lunchables



A Project of the  
Delmont,  
New Alexandria,  
and  
Slickville  
Lions Clubs

Backpack Program  
Providing Students  
With Food on the  
Weekends.



## Lions Lunchables

### Food Drive

**September 28<sup>th</sup> at Delmont Walmart!**

Collecting items today for our school year backpack program.

Please see a Lion for a list of items needed before going into shop today.

The Delmont, New Alexandria, and Slickville Lions Club would like to thank Walmart for their support

and thank YOU for your support of this program.





# MUSICAL MYSTERIES & MORE



PRESENTS

## THE CALAMITYVILLE MURDER!



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup> @**  
NORTH BELLE VERNON FIRE DEPT SOCIAL HALL  
543 BROAD AVE., BELLE VERNON PA 15012

Acclaimed horror-novelist, Stephen Queen is offered a bet by rival Ann Spice. He will receive 1 million dollars and Ann will retire if...Stephen can survive the night at the infamous house on Calamityville Street. Will he remain steadfast? Or will ghostly apparitions give him a case of permanent writers' block?

**\$35 per person or \$55 per couple**

*Doors Open at 5:30pm*

**Call (724) 747-0724 for reservations**

**Matthew Breakwell**  
**Rostraver Township Lions Club**



## **ZONE 1**

**LATROBE-DERRY** – 28 members. volunteered for Food Bank, weeded mini-gardens in Latrobe, provided eyeglasses for indigent person, collected eyeglasses, collected pliable plastic

**NEW FLORENCE** – 24 members. Bolivar Days - sold hot sausage, drinks and brooms. Brickfest - sold out of hot sausages. Sold 40 cash tickets for Aug. 31, 5 heavy duty and 2 regular brooms. The craft show is set for Sept. 22 - will sell hot sausage, drinks and brooms. School Supplies - will check with the principal to see what is needed. Bible2School - will donate the same amount as last year to help with expenses. Leader Dog - will be donating to help support the faithful friends' leader dog fund. Golf - Butler course at Elizabeth PA. Will send a gift for the basket raffle. Will be purchasing t-shirts to wear at our fundraisers. Beacon lodge needs help on Sept. 14th and 15th.

## **ZONE 2**

**ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP** – 45 members. Members participated in Rostraver night out and with Belle Vernon Area Schools for Reading under the Stars with students given books to read. Two members attended the District Cabinet meeting. Our BBQ was once again a sellout. Check out the newsletter for our Mystery Dinner on October 12th, come and have a great time.

**YOUNGWOOD** – 36 members. We received donations of \$950.00 in memory of Dave Elder the late husband of former Youngwood Lion Lorie Elder. The funds will be donated to Leader Dog. Several members helped the My. Pleasant Twp. Club with their food booth at the Westmoreland Fair. Our Club participated, with the Care-A-Van in the 125th Anniversary Parade for Youngwood. 4 members attended the Passing of the Banner. 3 members attended the First District Cabinet meeting. District Governor Jeff and 1st Vice District Governor Lisa visited our club with a very inspirational program. 50 pairs of eyeglasses were recycled.

## **ZONE 3**

**ARNOLD** – 12 members. Working on some fundraising projects.

**DELMONT** – 37 members. Sold 3 brooms, collected 1256 pairs of eyeglasses for recycling. Club members took part in the Delmont Farmer's Market. 2 members assisted Rostraver Twp with Vision Screenings. 3 members attended the State Council Meeting. 5 members attended Club Officer Training. 3 members attended Vision Screening Training. 20 members assisted with the Car Show-planning meetings, donating raffle baskets, set up, clean up, selling tickets etc. 1 member attended LCIF training in San Antonio. 1 member attended Leader Dog Training in Michigan. 3 members attended the District Cabinet Meeting. 18 members attended the Annual Family Picnic & DG Visit at Newhouse Park. 2 members assisted Mt Pleasant Lions at the Fair Food Booth. 2 members attended the Annual Corn Roast hosted by Chestnut Ridge Lions. 6 members took part in Delmont Community Daze. 6 members took part in the Slickville Community Days Parade.

**MURRYSVILLE** – 18 members. Held 1 dinner meeting; sold brooms at farmers market; sorted, packed and delivered Manna bags to homeless shelter; 2 members attended officer training; 3 members attended vision screening training; Secretary attended cabinet meeting; several members worked at car cruise and donated baskets for raffle.

**VANDERGRIFT** – 23 members. We had our annual visit with VDG Lisa and DG Jeff during our Aug meeting. Throughout the month we sold lions brooms, collected and loaned out used hospital equipment, and collected used eyeglasses.

## ZONE 4

**BUSHY RUN** – 36 members. No report.

**LEVEL GREEN** – 35 members. Ongoing aluminum can and used eyeglasses collections, building rentals, updating of community sign. Board meeting held. Members attended officer training and vision screener training. Member attended GAT Summit in Orlando. Member working with Trafford council on holiday event planning as part of restart of Trafford club. Club will host district Halloween gathering and November cabinet meeting at the building.

**MANOR** – 16 members. Hosted a training session for the new eye screeners led by PDG Tom Gregg and PDG Chuck Thompkins, at least 20 attended from around the district. Participated in planning for the Manor Community Day. We also sold Chicken BBQ and did eye screenings at the event.

**NORWIN** – 31 members. Held meetings including DG visit. Preparing for the upcoming annual Mini Golf fundraiser. Member attended vision screener training, officer training. Collected eyeglasses and hearing aids.

**Thank you to those clubs reporting. A reminder – you must submit your activities and service reports to Lions International online. This is separate from your submission to the District Newsletter through the [www.lions14e.org](http://www.lions14e.org) website. If you have any questions about reporting your club's service to LCI, please contact your zone chair as soon as possible.**

*"If it isn't reported, it didn't happen..."*



## The Mark of Great Service

Lions lead by example. We always have and always will. These keys to success can help you unlock your true service potential and inspire the Lions around you to do the same.



First Cabinet meeting of the year!

**AUGUST District Governor Visits included:**  
  
**Vandergrift**  
**Delmont**  
**Norwin**  
**Youngwood**



Vandergrift Lions Club visit



Delmont Lions Club Visit



Youngwood Lions Club Visit

**The Delmont & Murrysville Lions held a Car Cruise last month.  
Here are some of the entrants from the event:**



**Learn more**

**Childhood cancer**

We provide support for the needs of children and families affected by childhood cancer.

**Learn more**

**Diabetes**

We work to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those living with diabetes.

**Learn more**

**Disaster relief**

We take steps to meet immediate needs and provide long term support for communities devastated by natural disasters.

**Learn more**

**Environment**

We find ways to protect the environment to create healthier communities and a more sustainable world.

**Learn more**

**Humanitarian**

We identify the world's most crucial needs and provide humanitarian aid where it's needed most.

**Learn more**

**Hunger**

We strive to improve food security and access to nutritious food to help alleviate hunger.

**Learn more**

**Vision**

We help prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind or visually impaired.

**Learn more**

**Youth**

We support young people so they can make positive choices, lead healthy and productive lives, and become the next generation of service leaders.

**Check out the new Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties Flyer!  
A copy of the flyer can be found in the email OR reach out to a LDBAW Board Member for some physical copies!**



### DIABETES: AN IMPORTANT CAUSE

With the support of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions worldwide are working to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and to improve the lives of those living with diabetes.

Researchers are projecting that 1.3 billion people will have diabetes by 2050 worldwide, the Washington Post reports. This would be more than double the current number — a looming epidemic that would mean increased societal and health costs as the chronic condition can lead to vision problems like diabetic retinopathy, heart issues, kidney failure, and a whole host of other problems. Diabetes is an epidemic that touches every corner of the globe.

Lions International and LCIF are dedicated to empowering Lions and LEOs around the world to fight diabetes by serving their communities one by one.



### ABOUT LIONS INTERNATIONAL

Since 1917, Lions Clubs have served with uncommon kindness, putting the needs of neighbors, communities, and the world first.

With over 1.4 million members around the world, and 50,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and regions, the Lions are the world's largest service organization.

The Lions mission is to empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

To learn more, visit [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org) online.

### We Serve.



## LIONS DIABETES BOARD of Allegheny & Westmoreland Counties

A 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization



The Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties (LDBAW) partners with UPMC McKeesport and UPMC East in Allegheny County, and Independence Health (formerly Excelsa) in Westmoreland County.



UPMC McKeesport in McKeesport, PA



UPMC East in Monroeville, PA



Independence Health System - Westmoreland Hospital (formerly Excelsa) in Greensburg, PA

### MISSION

Since 1993, the mission of LDBAW has been to provide funding and educational support for those with diabetes who seek financial assistance to pay for their diabetes medications and supplies through three hospitals' programs.

Charitable funds are generated through ongoing contributions from all Lions Clubs located in Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties, annual events, community fund drives and grant assistance applications to Lions Clubs International, as well as other local funders.

Financial support of fundraising projects is also provided by the UPMC Health System Foundation and the Westmoreland Hospital Foundation.

### ORGANIZATION

LDBAW meets quarterly, and is comprised of voting, nonvoting, and reporting members.

- District Governors for Pennsylvania Lions Districts 14-B Allegheny County and 14-E Westmoreland County (voting)
- Five (5) board members per district, including each district's diabetes chairperson (voting)
- Two permanent board positions since the inception of the program in 1993 (voting)
- Hospital presidents, diabetes program coordinators, and physician directors are invited to board meetings for medication and education reporting only (non-voting)
- District First and Second Vice District Governors (non-voting).



### WHAT WE DO

LDBAW maintains the Lions Diabetes Emergency Relief Fund. Funds may be disbursed for medications for diabetes patients who reside in Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties, who meet income guidelines, and are unable to afford the cost.

Funds are disbursed directly to the UPMC McKeesport, UPMC East, Independence Westmoreland Hospital Pharmacy, and Med-Fast Pharmacy on a monthly basis. Requests for support are managed and monitored by each hospital's diabetes program coordinator.



### HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must be eligible based on total monthly/yearly income, monthly expenses, and medical need as determined by a physician.

UPMC McKeesport  
412-357-7479

UPMC East  
412-664-3101

Westmoreland Outpatient Pharmacy  
724-832-4255



## 2024-2025 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Center for Hearing & Deaf Services \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DONATION:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note:** If your club has not already submitted donations, they must be received by May 1, 2025, to receive credit for the 2024-2025 Lions Year. Donation checks should be made out to **District 14-E Lions** and this form should accompany the check. Please mail check to Cabinet Treasurer, IPDG Amy Thompkins 309 Beechwood Rd Greensburg, PA 15601. Donations can be submitted to District Governor Jeff before the deadline.

# 2024 – 2025 District 14-E Cabinet Members

|                        |                    |                |                         |              |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| District Governor      | Jeff Jordan        | Level Green    | Jeffreybob14e@gmail.com | 412-418-3646 |
| Vice District Governor | Lisa Gismondi      | Delmont        | Lisgis67@gmail.com      | 724-454-3653 |
| District Secretary     | Kara Knode         | New Alexandria | kpurvis77@yahoo.com     | 724-689-5560 |
| District Treasurer     | IPDG Amy Thompkins | Delmont        | amoose309@yahoo.com     | 724-551-0327 |

## District Global Action Team (GAT) Coordinators

|            |                     |            |                       |              |
|------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------|
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 PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp.....www.beaconlodge.org  
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