

Plant a Seed December 2018

Merry Christmas. Hope you are having a great year. Wendy and I are having a busy but enjoyable year. It all started last April when I was elected to be the District Governor for 14-E.

Wendy and I had the pleasure of going to Las Vegas for the 101st Lions International convention during June 25-July 4. I received some great training and realized that no matter where you are from, we all have the same problems. I was sworn in as your District Governor on July 3. IPDG Aaron was there to pull my ribbon. I really wasn't sure who was happier, him or me? We met many new friends there and had a great time with our old friends. I even got to hear an interesting elevator speech.

Since we got back it has been a whirlwind of club visits, service projects, dinners, parades, and meetings. All the club visits have been fun experiences. We have met new friends and shared many great and inspiring stories. During Arnold's visit, we had the fire department join us after a light ballast was smoking. Irwin's visit had some background music, which happened to match my speech so well. I had a 12-year-old accompany me on the piano during my visit with the East Huntingdon Lions and Lioness clubs. I had the honor of inducting Bea Haubrich, my first as DG, as a new member of the Manor Lions Club. Each club I visited, so far, has been a great experience that will forever be in our memories.

I hope for the next $\mathcal F$ months you, your club, and our district will be prosperous in both service and fellowship.

p.s. next month we get back to work!!

Have a great Holiday Season and a great New Year.

DG Charlie McGrew

A Message from VDG Dave DeFazio

Can you spare \$5 for a fantastic cause? Do you know how to turn \$5 into \$5000? Sound crazy? Perhaps, but it's true.

For the low, low price of just \$5, you can join the 500 Club because 500 pennies make \$5. A mere cup of coffee – well, the good stuff. And with nearly 1000 Lions members in Westmoreland County, if every one of us donated \$5 that becomes about \$5000.

As a Lion, hopefully you have heard about Pennsylvania Lions' Beacon Lodge Camp. As a Pennsylvania Lion, we should all be very proud of this gem! We Pennsylvania Lions joined together to build this fine camp to serve the blind and special needs across our state including our wounded warriors and their families. But your help is needed.

As you consider your donations this year, please remember to generously support Beacon Lodge. Several other Lions projects seem to get more attention, but Beacon Lodge is a project of only Pennsylvania Lions. Be proud to support our own state's signature camp and all those that it serves. Join the 500 club this year by donating \$5 to Beacon Lodge Camp or have your club make the donation in everyone's names for the 500 club this year. Let's make sure our camp, yes <u>OUR</u> camp, stays in top shape for our campers this summer, several right here from Westmoreland County.

Unfortunately, Beacon Lodge Camp has been hit over the past decade with decreasing club donations year after year as clubs either have less to donate or choose to donate to other causes. In addition, Beacon Lodge Camp has had less campers as clubs are not promoting or recruiting campers as successfully as they have in years past. Many of those campers are going to other camps which have more funds to recruit, but they don't have the amenities of our Beacon Lodge Camp.

Can you help us turn the tide here in Westmoreland County this year? Can we get every club to participate in the Beacon Lodge 500 Club this year at \$5 per person? Can we also challenge each club to identify new campers who would benefit from a trip to Beacon Lodge Camp this summer?

Want more information or to refer a camper? Reach out to PDG Cliff Martin or PDG Carol Richardson and invite them to present about Beacon Lodge Camp at one of your meetings. What a great program of interest to share with your members at a meeting!

Make your 500 Club checks payable to Beacon Lodge 500 Club and send them to PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp 114 SR103 South, Mount Union, PA 17066. Specify District 14E and your club name in the memo line. Find more information at https://www.beaconlodge.com/500club/. The 500 Club supports camp maintenance.

A Message from 2VDG Chuck Thompkins

Hello Fellow Lions,

I hope you all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and were able to spend some quality time with your loved ones. In today's world, we are all so busy and wrapped up in our own situations, they could be work related or family related, but I hope you are all able to take some time and remember what Lions do..."We Serve" others. Try and carve out a little bit of time to serve others during this holiday season as there are many out there who do not have family to share the holidays with, some who do not have a home to go to, some who do not have extra funds to provide the extras during the holiday season. You might be thinking, well what can I do to help? There are a lot of activities you can do as individuals or as a group. You can sing Christmas Carols at a local Nursing Facility or children's department at the hospital, you could volunteer at a local shelter, volunteer to prepare & serve holiday dinners to those in need, donate food items or money to the Food Bank, donate blankets, clothing & toys to the Salvation Army or local shelters, volunteer to ring the Red Kettle Bells for the Salvation Army....the list could go on and on. If you or your club does not already participate in one or more of these activities, please think about doing at least one of them because giving a little bit of love & compassion to those in need can go a long, long way to brighten someone's day. Another idea is to have your club sign Christmas Cards & have them sent to those serving in the military...this will remind them that although they are a long way from home, they are loved & appreciated for the service they are providing to us all. And as always, please remember to record your club's services & activities to LCI.

I want to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas & a Safe & Happy New Year as I look forward to serving you in 2019!! Yours in Service,

2VDG Chuck

Women and Families in Lions month of December.

Hope all of you had a great Thanksgiving.

Now we have to get ready for Christmas. I don't know about all of you but our family gets very busy and stressed this time of year. From the Holiday Parties, gift exchanges, donation.... money gets little tight too. So, what can we do to help the community at this time of the year that doesn't take a lot of time or a lot of money.

A couple things come to my mind that our clubs can do that can get families involved.

- 1. Volunteer to ring the bell for Salvation Army. Split up the day with each member of the club.
- 2. Setup a gift wrapping station. The person can make a donation to be given to your Lions Clubs Charity. Or have a set amount for each gift.

Either of these activities can be split up with all members of your club. So no one member is there all day doing it all.

I hope you all have a Very Merry Christmas!

In Lionism

Amy Yasczak

Brady Buggy



This picture is a "Brady Buggy". These buggies transports child while they are in the hospital. The IV bag stand will clip on the back making the transport of the child less stressful. During our governor's year, the spouses were introduced to the Brady Buggy. The district is requesting that each club donate \$20. The buggy costs \$1000. The district is applying for a \$500 matching grant for one of these and will be donated to UPMC Children's Hospital. A plaque will be attached stating it was from the 14-E Lions clubs. Any money that will be over the cost of the buggy will be forwarded to Four Diamonds and the Pa Lions Care for the Kids. More info about the buggies can be found at www.hugsforbrady.org/product/brady-buggy-wagon/

A couple of things:

I am still requesting information on where your clubs sells Brooms.

I was requested a list of Eyeglass Recycling locations for your club.

I am looking for recipes for a district cookbook. Please send me your best ones. Thank you

Veteran's Affairs

As you are probably aware, Veterans Day is right around the corner. We have been updating our site, and will continue to do so right up to Veterans Day. Most companies don't release their offers until the last week of October or the first week of November, so we expect there to be dozens of updates between now and Veterans Day.

We'll be sure to send at least one or two more updates between now and then! And of course, we are going to have our downloadable PDF ready very soon (this will get daily updates as well).

For now, here is a preview of what to expect (note: we left most 2017 offers in place - many companies repeat their offers each year, so we will update them to 2018 when confirmed - no worries, they are clearly labeled!)

Veterans Day Free Meals -

https://themilitarywallet.com/veterans-day-free-meals-and-discounts/

Veterans Day Freebies & Retail Discounts -

https://themilitarywallet.com/veterans-day-retail-discounts/

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

"Lion's Working Together As One"

Pajamas needed Sizes newborn to size 10 Mae and Female



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



Sponsored by The Mount Pleasant Area Lion's Club.

Will collect until February 2019 but by Christmas would be a blessing



For further information or drop off info: dtinkey@zoominternet.net

Please keep the children warm with new, footed pajamas. Wrap them in love this winter.







MD-14 STATE COUNCIL of LIONS CLUBS CONVENTION

96th Annual Convention - May 16 to May 19, 2019 Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, 250 Kalahari Blvd., Pocono Manor, PA 18349

Registrant Sub-District Club			Lion Lioness	Leo Guest
			(Circle applicabl	e membership)
Name	First	Initial	Title (example, I	OG, PDG, Lion)
Street Address	C	ity	State	Zip
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Phone Residence	Business/cell	Email Please	print clearly	
First State Convention Yes - No	Years as a Lion		Pas	t -Present rele one)
Special Needs: Dietary Restriction	s, Hearing, Vision, Physi	cally Challenged:		
	7-525-2427, Mention: Paress: 250 Kalahari Blvd. : https://staypa.kalahari	A State Lions Convention Pocono Manor, PA 1834 iresorts.com/pennsylvani	n Rate 6 ia#groupSignIn	vention
Convention Registration – REQUI Early (Until Jan. 31, \$10) Regular (Friday Luncheon: Turkey on Sour Honey Ham on S Friday PA Counsellors and District	(Feb. 1 - Apr. 15, \$12.50) dough Portobello Sourdough	DEES (No fee for childre Late (Apr. 16 to on-site o Mushroom on Focaccia	reg. \$15)	s
Roasted Pork Loin Pan Seared Salmon Name of person(s) to be seated with	Grilled Egg Pla	nnt		s
Saturday Luncheon: Honoring Lic Saturday International Banquet:	oness of the Year - Buffet		x \$ 25.00	\$
Beef Tenderloin Cauliflower Steak	European Chicker	n Breast	x \$ 30.00	S
Name of person(s) to be seated with Sunday Melvin Jones/Key Member			x \$ 20.00	s
2019 State Convention Pin	Di cakiast Duilet		x \$ 6.00	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT				s
Meal Registration Deadlines: A NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 27		6 th if you wish to sit	with someone	specific)
EACH REGISTRANT SHOULD Make check payable to: 2019 0		ATE REGISTRATION F	FORM!	

Credit Card Payments (secure) may be made at State Council Meetings

Mail completed forms and check to: PA Lions 2019 State Convention Committee

668 Liberty Court, Hazleton, PA 18201

Lions Jerry and Jamie DePalma - Registration Chairpersons

Questions may be directed to: PDG Andy Piskel email: 2019paconvention@gmail.com or 570-956-1245

DG's, PDG's, Lions of MD-14, Please make plans to vote in the MD special election on February 2, 2019, 8 AM to 10 AM at the State Council Meeting held at the Altoona Grand Hotel in Altoona PA.

PCC Larry Edwards, MD-14's Recommended Candidate for International Director

"PROUD to SERVE as WE SERVE"



- Served 27 years in the US Army National Guard
- Held Battalion level Leadership positions in the National Guard
- Currently serving with the Central Pa. National Guard & Veterans Association
- Current member of the American Legion



- A Lion with 13 years of service
- Served twice as a District Governor
- Served as MD Council Chairperson
- Was the first GATC for MD-14
- A Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow
- Served 4 years as District MERL Leadership Coordinator
- Active with Club and District Service
- President of the Sight Conservation Foundation of Blair County

My Mission is: To be an ambassador of Lions International while improving the means and processes used to deliver humanitarian service to those in need around the world.

Your support for my candidacy is greatly appreciated. If elected, my personal commitment to all Lions is to serve with the vision of our founders.



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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Why: To select a Multiple District 14 Lion as an endorsed candidate for the high office of International Director at the 102nd Annual Lions Clubs International Convention July 4-9, 2019, in Milan, Italy.

When: Saturday, February 2, 2019

Where: Altoona Grand Hotel, I Sheraton Drive, Altoona, PA

<u>Who</u>: Each Multiple District 14 Lions club in good standing with Lions Clubs International, Multiple District 14 and its respective sub-district as of January I, 2019, shall be entitled to have one (I) certified delegate per each 10 members listed on MyLCI as of December 31, 2018.

Past District Governors are also each entitled to one delegate credential, which does not count against a club's delegate allocation.

PLEASE NOTE: Club delegate credentials, as well as those of Past District Governors who are members of that club, will be denied if a club has an unpaid LCI, MD-14 and/or sub-district per capita dues balance as of January I, 2019.

<u>How</u>: Certification of delegates and voting for an endorsed candidate for the high office of International Director will be conducted in a one-stop process between the hours of 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 2, 2019, at the Altoona Grand Hotel in Altoona, PA.

Results of the Special Election will be announced during the third 2018-2019PA State Council of Lions Clubs 'Council of Governors regular meeting scheduled to convene at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, February 2, 2019, at the Altoona Grand Hotel.



Lions Clubs International

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NOTICE OF THIRD CABINET MEETING

TO: Cabinet Officers and Committee Chairpersons

Club Presidents and Secretaries ALL LIONS, LIONESS'S, and LEOS

DATE: Saturday, February 9, 2019

PLACE: Westmoreland County Blind Association

911 South Main Street Greensburg, PA 15601

TIME: 9:30 am Past District Governors Meeting

10:30 am Pre-Cabinet Meeting11 am Cabinet meeting

Coffee, drinks, and snacks will be provided

Nominations for District and Vice District Governors will be held.

PA LIONS CARE FOR THE KIDS

2018-2019 MD 14 Fundraising Plan November 15, 2018-May 15, 2019

Lions of Pennsylvania Goal: \$90,000

MD 14's goal to raise \$15,000 per month from November 15, 2018- May 15, 2019, in support of Four Diamonds.

If each of the 17 districts in Pennsylvania, collect a **total per district for the**

year 2018-2019, of\$5,300 we will reach our goal!

Approximately \$882 in donations, per month for 6 months, divided by an average of 40 clubs in each district =\$132.50 per club TOTAL).

Now, let's round it up. . .

How does your club raise \$140, for the kids, by May 15?

Start by sharing the goal with your club members.

- □ Collect a \$20 donation from 7 people.
- □ Collect a \$5.00 donation from 28 people.
- □ Collect \$1.00, \$2.00, or \$3.00 from 75-85 people.
- ☐ Or, have a carwash, sell subs, or host a dance, just to name a few.

The Lions of Pennsylvania are standing up to our motto: "We Serve," by assisting Four Diamonds in its mission to conquer childhood cancer. "Where There's a Need, There's a Lion."

In the U.S., more children die from cancer than any other disease, with 16,000 kids diagnosed every year. We are working to change this by partnering with Four Diamonds to conquer childhood cancer through world-class care, transformative philanthropy and life-saving research. Four Diamonds supports more than 80 pediatric oncology research professionals at Penn State College of Medicine who conduct the full spectrum of cancer research. The Four Diamonds Pediatric Cancer Research Center is not only benefiting children at Penn State Children's Hospital, but also children and families around the world.

Learn more about Four Diamonds at www.FourDiamonds.org.

How many clubs will take the challenge, to work together in the fight against childhood cancer?

ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?



Items collected will be distributed to the Welcome Home Shelter, the Blackburn Center and the Union Mission who serve those in Westmoreland County

Toiletries

Shampoo/Conditioner
Deodorant
Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
Denture Cream/Toothpaste
Soap/Bodywash
Razors/Shaving Cream
Makeup
Women's Personal Care
Nail Clippers

Linens

Towels/Blankets/Pillows

Kitchen Items

Dish Cloths/Towels
Dish Soap/Sponges
Aluminum Foil/Plastic Wrap
Food Storage Containers
Ziploc Bags
Small Appliances
Non-Perishable Food
Staples
(coffee, flour, sugar)

Children's Items

Diapers/Wipes/Rash Cream

First Aid

Tylenol/Ibuprofen
Antacids
Cold Medicine
Cough Drops
Vitamins
Band-Aids
Ice Packs
First Aid Kits
Hand Warmers

Misc.

Socks/Underwear/Bras



Collecting items NOW through
January 2nd
Drop boxes inside the
Penn Area Library, Harrison City
Lumpy's Market, Level Green
Dobrinick Funeral Home, Trafford



Club November Updates

As reported to VDG David DeFazio

A reminder to all club secretaries that Membership and Activity Reports are

Due NO LATER THAN the 27th of every month on BOTH lions14e.org AND myLCl.lionsclubs.org

Club	Membership Reported	Activities Reported	
Allegheny Twp	17	Annual Dinner Raffle took place on 11/19/18 with 225 tickets at \$20 per ticket.	
Arnold	25	Getting ready for our annual giving out Christmas food baskets for the area needy. We have been honoring a Student of the Month.	
Belle Vernon	14*	No report	
Bushy Run	42	Thanksgiving Dinner with Clelian Height School for Exceptional Students Nov. 15 Pancake Breakfast Nov 17,2018. \$1000 donated to Clelian Heights	
Chestnut Ridge	22	President, secretary and 2 members attended 2nd Cabinet meeting, Peace Poster participation	
Delmont	53	Delmont's Charter Night Dinner was held at the Spaghetti & Steakhouse in Delmont on 11/5/18. Speaker for the night was Ellen Keffe from Westmoreland Cleanways on the current recycling efforts. Lion of the Year Award was presented to Lion Amy Thompkins by PDG Aaron Slezak. on 11/19/18, Lions from Delmont packed 56 backpacks with food for the weekend for qualifying students at Metzgar Elementary School along with lions from Slickville & New Alexandria. Lions volunteered to ring the bell for the Delmont Salvation Army to kick off their Red Kettle Campaign on 11/23/18 at the Delmont Wal-Mart from 9a-8p.	
Derry	9	Students of the month from Derry Area and Eastern Westmoreland Career and Technology center were honored at the monthly meeting, A home cooked meal was provided for the homeless men at the Union Mission in Latrobe. Eyeglasses were provided for a needy person in the area. Money was donated to the KIND program at Derry Area HS which provides boxes of food that provided a meal to needy family in Derry.	
East Huntingdon Twp	5*	No report	
Greensburg/East Hempfield	16	The club made its annual Christmas Donations to local and county charities including Westmoreland county food bank, Blackburn Center, four local churches for their soup kitchens, Welcome Home shelter and CASA as well as others.	
Irwin	25*	No report	
Jeannette	9	Hosted students of the month for October and November. Participated in Jeannette Holiday Parade celebration with Care-a-Van.	
Latrobe	33	Student of the Month from Greater Latrobe was honored at the monthly meeting. Plans are in process for the Torrance Christmas Party on Dec. 6th. The Christmas Party /District Governor's visit is being planned for Dec. 11th - Derry Club is being invited to join us for the party. An eyeglasses application is being followed up for details. The Salvation Army has been contacted for a shopping spree for a needy family.	
Level Green	30*	No report	
Lower Burrell	27	Put up flags on Leechburg Road for Veteran's Day. Will distribute Thanksgiving food baskets to deserving families in our area. Held successful Winter Raffle. Currently meeting at Kings Restaurant once a month for the winter. Continue to collect eyeglasses and sell brooms,	
Manor	14	Food Drive at Manor Collection Polls. Purchased 2 year subscription of a diabetic awareness magazine for the Manor Library.	
Monessen	45*	No report	
Mt. Pleasant Twp	66	Held monthly sub sale. Three new members and their sponsors attended mass induction dinner.	
Murrysville	29	Screened 161 children ages 3,4 and 5 in five local preschools for vision deficiencies.	
New Alexandria	81*	No report	
New Florence	11*	No report	

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New Kensington	18	Presented certificates and \$25.00 checks to one student from Valley High School and one student from Northern Westmoreland CTC. Three members helped pack 227 food bags for disadvantaged children in the community. The New Kensington Lions Club donated \$525.00 to the SEED Project. Directed by Lion Coleman, 274 pairs of eyeglasses were collected. Members helped the Salvation Army by ringing the Christmas Bell to collect money for those in need. Our Club continues to sale Lion brooms, collecting \$116.00.
Norwin	38	2 members attended Mass Induction and Cabinet Meeting. Provided Kitty Sacks to 55 children weekly. Conducted Norwin Reality Tour for 42 children and parents. Sold 380 apple dumplings as a fundraiser. Donated to Link N Leos for their fleece blanket project and 152 packages of stuffing to the Light of Life Mission for Thanksgiving.
Rostraver Twp	46	2 members, PID Cindy Gregg and PDG Tom Gregg, volunteered at the Rostraver Township's Foodbank for the monthly food distribution. 2 members, PDG Bob Mesher and PDG Tom Gregg, unloaded the truck with food for the West Newton, PA food Bank We collect plastic film, such as grocery bags, bread bags, water bottle case wraps, etc. The total poundage is tabulated and reported to the Trex Corporation on a monthly basis. Trex sponsors this Community project. We have 6 months to collect 500 pounds of plastic film and deliver it to the local collection point. Each 6 month period that we collect the 500 pounds we receive a bench from the Trex Corporation. The benches will be placed throughout the community. 4 of our members assisted with our community's Light Up Night, including members of our Leo Club. Members assisted a neighboring community in disaster relief efforts to help re-building and cleaning up a residence.
Scottdale	19*	No report
Seton Hill	1*	No report
Sewickley Area	11	Zone 2 meeting attended by Secretary Phyllis Stafford and Treasurer Terry Staford. Mass induction attended by Phyllis Stafford, Secretary and Terry Stafford, Treasurer. Also attended by President Wendy McGraw and Past President Charles McGrew.
Slickville	57	The Slickville Civic Center (home of the Slickville Lions) hosted the District's Cabinet meeting early in November. Members of the Club carried on with packings for the Lions Lunchables program. A donation was made to the Slickville Centennial Committee for this year's light up night and Santa event.
Stewartsville	20	On November 11, 2018, the Stewartsville Lions Club delivered holiday food baskets, worth \$100 each, to the Stewartsville Elementary School of the Norwin School District. The school presented the baskets to two needy families with children to help make their Thanksgiving a little brighter. During the club's dinner meeting on November 14, 2018, a member of the Stewartsville Lions Club gave a Veteran's Day presentation describing some of the sacrifices made by Army Air Force crew members flying missions in Europe during World War II.
Trafford	8	Lions are working to set up a collection for the Trafford Food Bank and sell brooms at an upcoming Vendor Fair at Trafford Elementary School. Lions will also be assisting the PT Leos at the Trafford Holiday Happenings event December 1st for the Craft Table at the event.
Vandergrift	30	We continue to raffle off our gun tickets on a monthly basis, collect used eye glasses, and collect gently used hospital equipment so we can reloan the hospital equipment out to those in need. This month we held our annual family Christmas party fir all members, it was a great success with over 50 adults and children in attendance.
Washington Bell	11	Gave \$50.00 gift cards to two families for Thanksgiving dinner. Had our annual visit from the District Governor. Preparing for Christmas in the Country at Kunkle Park on Dec. 8. Continue selling brooms and collecting eyeglasses.
West Newton	25*	No report
Youngwood	34	Made donations of \$200 to the Blackburn Center, \$35 to Westmoreland Cleanways and \$300 to a local family in need. Netted \$1,003.71 on Pancake Breakfast, \$2500 on popcorn sales and \$2,738.93 on Koeze nut sales. Recycled 169 pair of eyeglasses.
Yukon	28*	No report

^{*}No report received. Number is from last received report.

LIONESS

• East Huntingdon Twp. 16 members. Koeze Nut Sales in final stage. WCCC Food Pantry donation. Donation of footed pj's to Mt. Pleasant Twp. Lions. Ring Bell for Salvation Army Kettle Campaign. Donation of Salvation Army Christmas Tree tag. Lioness ladies will meet for a Christmas party on Sat. Dec. 1st in place of a regular meeting.

LEOS

- Derry
- Link-N-Leos
- Monessen
- Rostraver Twp
- Penn-Trafford
- Viking Pride

If you use a bookmarked website address to file your District MMR, please make sure it is correct (see below). Also If you feel you have been submitting your report and it's not being listed here, please contact VDG Dave at ddefazio47@comcast.net or 724-454-0912). BOTH membership and service reports are due monthly no later than the 27th of the month on both web sites below:

LCI's MyLCI: https://mylci.lionsclubs.org/
District 14-E: http://www.lions14e.org/mmr/