



NEWSLETTER

DISTRICT 14-E LIONS

WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PA

Monthly Newsletter Edition
June | 2020

District Governor's Message

June is finally here! It is so nice to be able to get outside and enjoy the sunshine and fresh air after being in lockdown for the last few months due to the COVID19 virus. No doubt, we have all been impacted by the virus both individually and as members of our Lions Club. Most clubs suspended meetings, projects and fundraisers to comply with state and county guidelines.

But things are now beginning to open again. While we won't be back to "normal" for some time yet, we can begin to meet, hold fundraisers and serve our communities taking some basic safety precautions to protect our members and our community. Things like wearing masks, social distancing, frequent hand washing, frequent cleaning of facilities and equipment, and using hand sanitizer are definitely things we should continue to do to help make everyone feel safe.

People in our communities are still in need now more than ever. Conversely, people in our communities have been locked down for months and are looking for opportunities to get out and help others. Extend invitations for others to join you in service. Once they experience working alongside your club members and see how much fun you have serving your community, they may be willing to join your club. We should always take the "try it before you buy it approach" in asking people to join our club. Invite them to projects and fundraisers and let them learn about us by talking to and meeting your members in action.

Along with June comes the end to another Lions year (June 30). Thanks to all of our Lions who served in leadership roles this year whether at the club level, district level, or any capacity. We appreciate your dedication and service throughout this year. And a very special thank you to all of the Lions who joined us this year, we hope you continue to share your talents and ideas as we serve together.

We have one last district service project left this year. We will be packing food for the Westmoreland County Food Bank. See GST/PDG Lance Remic's article in this newsletter for details. Special thanks to all the clubs and Lions who donated to make this project possible. In addition, our district received a \$10,000 grant from the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) that will be used to help our ambulance services first responders protect themselves from COVID19, which they will continue to need to do even as we begin to open back up. Please remember to donate to LCIF. We thank them for helping us to support our community.

On a personal note, I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to have served you this year as District Governor. Lion Deanna and I truly enjoyed traveling to your clubs and sharing your hospitality and learning about the many things that make your clubs great! I enjoyed getting to meet many of you for the first time and strengthening relationships with others. Together, we accomplished many great things and our communities are taking notice. I hope that our clubs will continue to "Be a Little Bolder" as we move into the future. The world is changing around us and we need to be able to connect with members and our communities in new ways, so don't be afraid to try new things.

Best wishes to our incoming district leadership for the upcoming Lions year, effective July 1st: District Governor Elect Chuck Thompkins (Delmont), 1st Vice District Governor Elect Margie Wolff (Murrysville), and 2nd Vice District Governor Elect Tony Catullo (Rostraver Twp). Best wishes also to the incoming club leaders for the 2020-2021 Lions year! Set goals now and hit the ground running July 1st. It's going to be another great year!

David DeFazio

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LADIES!!!!!!!!!!

Murrysville Lions Club is now selling these BEAUTIFUL Lions Bracelets for only \$20!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Email PDG Carol Richardson for more information on how to purchase! carolrich14e@aol.com

1st Vice District Governor Message:

Dear Fellow Lions,

I hope you are all doing well. I am hoping that we can all soon be together to share stories of how we have continued to serve as Lions during the pandemic we are experiencing.

I think we can all use this as a learning tool to look at the new opportunities that have arose for us during this time. Meetings by phone, texting, emails, phone conferences & zoom meetings. I never thought that such types of meetings could be beneficial. WOW!! I was wrong! I have received so much information and learning from all of this and did not use a drop of gas..haha 😊. All kidding aside, I feel with the technology we have in front of us for meetings and education, and how the times are changing, we are going to be successful in facing the challenges we face. Just a thought--change might not be so bad after all--as it can open doors and windows for new and innovative ways to serve as Lions.

I am looking forward to seeing you all this year during my District Governor Club visits. I know that things are unstable, but we will get through this together. I have begun to reach out to the clubs to schedule club visit dates, so if I have not contacted you yet, I will be. If I have contacted you and you have not responded yet, please do so as soon as possible. Please remember, if we have scheduled a time and it needs to be rescheduled due to COVID restrictions, I understand and will gladly reschedule.

The District is still looking for at least two Zone Chairs. Don't be shy...this is a great way to learn and grow, not only as a lion, but also in your personal and professional life as well. There are many doors waiting to be opened for new opportunities...you just need to be willing to step up and open them. If you are interested, please let me know.

If you have not done so yet, please submit your PU101's. I need the information so I can complete my Directory for the upcoming year. If you need assistance with completing this task, please reach out to your current Zone Chair, PDG Lance Remic or Lion Denise Poole.

The District is also excited to be taking part in a new program called NAMI (North American Membership Initiative) which will be headed by our own PID Cindy Gregg. PDG Charlie McGrew has stepped up to be our District's NAMI Champion. We also need volunteers from all the clubs to assist with making our efforts to grow new clubs, grow membership and rejuvenate current clubs and membership. This new effort has been proven as a success in other areas and will definitely strengthen our clubs and membership. If you are interested, please reach out to myself or PDG Charlie.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of the Lions in the District for entrusting me to be your District Governor for the 2020-2021 Lions year. I appreciate all that took time out of their busy schedules to take part in the online voting process that was held in May.

I am looking forward to serving...not above you, not beneath you, but with you!!

Yours in Service,
DGE Chuck

2nd Vice District Governor Message:

Fellow Lions:

What a different experience this year has been. So many events and activities have been cancelled, and, hopefully, our time at home was well spent and fruitful.

This year, even though Beacon Lodge will not be accepting camperships, they still do plan to have Lions "Appreciation Day" on Sunday, August 23, If you have never gone to this event (or been to Beacon Lodge), this is the perfect time to go. Some of the activities on that day are the Annual Great Duck Race, the basket raffle, 50/50 raffle, etc. The camp store will be open for browsing and making purchases, and a picnic meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. will be served.

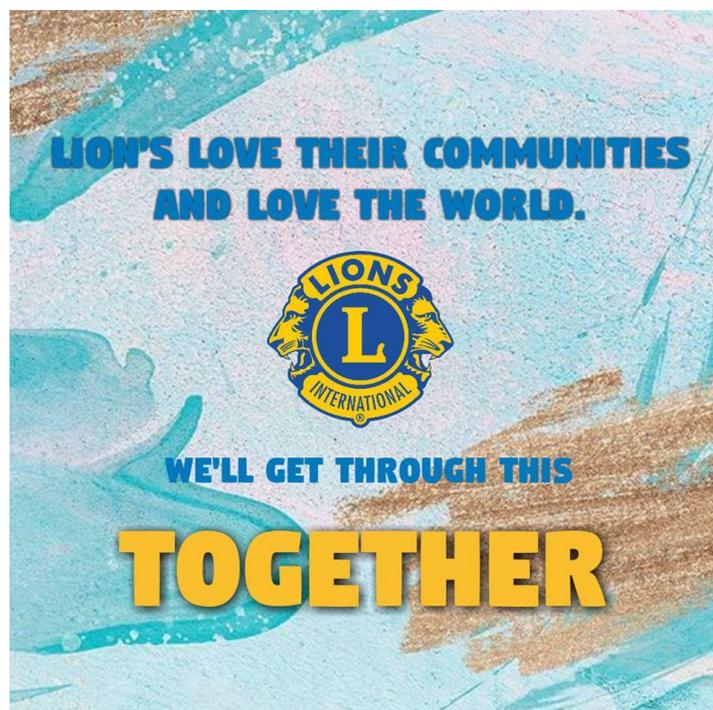
Although you will not be asked to sponsor a camper this year, please do make a donation because there are lots of projects to be accomplished,.

Reservations are required and must be received by August 16.

Please try to attend this annual event. It will be good to see old friends and to make new ones.

Yours in Lionism.

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2nd VDG
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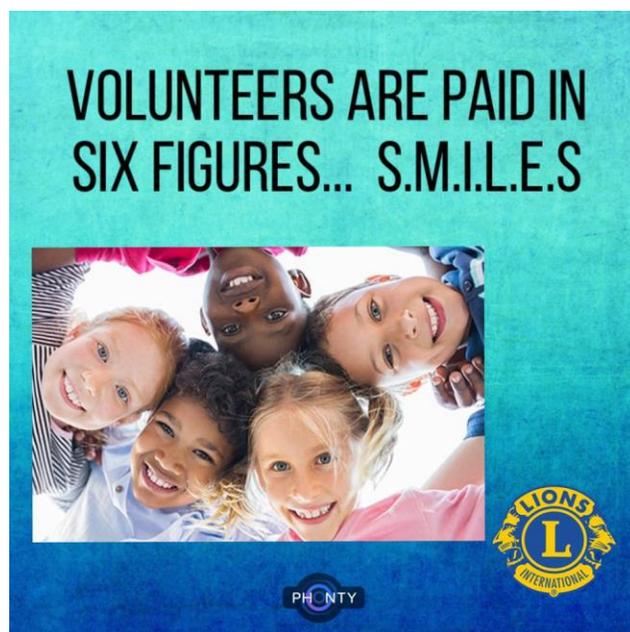
WOMEN AND FAMILIES IN LIONS

It's hard to believe it's been three years since I started working in Women and Family in our district. Hope you have enjoyed reading my ideas over these years and have tried a few too.

Women and Families are the future to our clubs and their continuation of membership is critical to survive in the way the world is today. I remind all members to keep an open mind to fresh ideas and new beginnings.

Thank you all for your support. I will still be around and still here to help.

In Lionism,
Amy Yaszak





*Help Us Help Others
Join Lions*

Welcome New Members!

New Alexandria Lions Club
Jeffery Balzen

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.



It is with an incredibly heavy heart that we share that Past International President Wayne Madden has passed away.



Wayne Madden, from Auburn, Indiana, USA, was elected president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 95th International Convention in Busan, Korea, June 22 through 26, 2012.

Past President Madden was an insurance agent and a certified insurance counselor.

A member of the Auburn Lions Club since 1984, he held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, region chairperson, state council chairperson and district governor. In addition, he was a past president of the Indiana Lions Foundation. He served as a District Governor-elect Seminar faculty member five times, as Campaign SightFirst II sector coordinator for Multiple District 25 and as vice-chairperson of the Global Action Team.

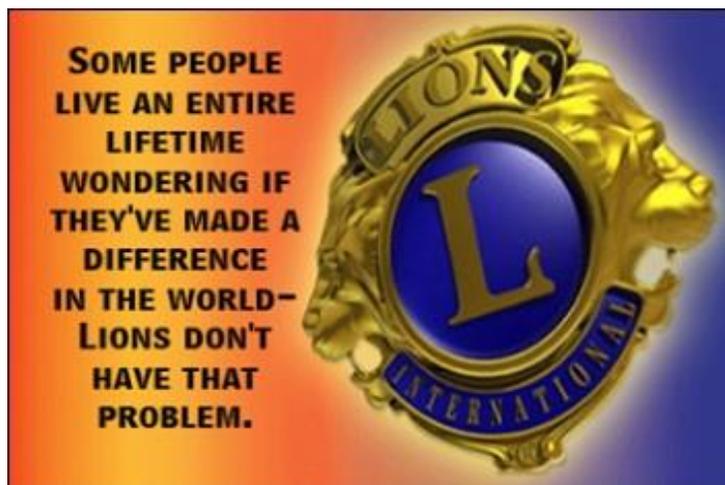
In recognition of his service to the association, Past President Madden received many awards, including the 100% Club President Award, Life Membership in the Association, the Senior Master Key Award, four Extension Awards, an International

President's Leadership Medal, 13 International President's Medals and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He was a Charter W.P. Woods Fellow, a Kentucky Colonel, a Duke of Paducah, a Helen Keller Fellow and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In 2008, he was recognized for his humanitarian service by the governor of Indiana as a Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest honor the governor can bestow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past President Madden was active in numerous professional and community organizations, including as member of the Auburn City Council.

Past President Madden and his wife, Linda, a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters and five grandchildren.



District 14-E Lions and Friends, Lion Cedric Stopansky asked that we share the news of the passing of Past District Governor Stephen Pityk.



Steve was a 54 year member of the Allegheny Township Lions Club. He served his Club in many capacities and that led to his involvement in District Leadership having served as District Governor during the 1983-1984 Lions year. Since that time he continued to serve on committees and boards including long term positions on both the Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Research Foundation and the Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation.

The picture seen here shows Lion Cedric (Steve's nephew) presenting Steve with a Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation Fellowship - one of the first presented to anyone.

Cedric says that services will be private but he ensures that a Lions Necrology will be held.

NOT ABOVE YOU, NOT BENEATH YOU, BUT WITH YOU

Empowering Clubs through the
Power of Action



Global Action Team

Dear Lions and Leos,

While the end of this Lions' year has been anything but normal, I want to thank you for the many services that you provided within your community. I am grateful for the clubs and individual members who helped the Food Banks, Meals on Wheels, and the backpack programs. Likewise, the Rostraver Township Lions Club and King Lion Mary Popovich, with her West Newton church group, provided meals for the unemployed; while many clubs donated to the First Responders, the frontline workers, and Four Diamonds. For those who made and contributed masks to various groups, these are all greatly appreciated. Because of your efforts, our Lions Clubs have gained the attention of our communities and the local media, something that has not occurred in the past few years. In fact, a few Lions commented that the community supported their efforts now, more than ever. Let's take advantage of this newly found attention and invite those individuals to participate in our Zoom Meetings and to offer suggestions for additional projects.

Since many of our clubs held online meetings to elect officers for the coming year, I'd like to share some thoughts about leadership:

- A true leader makes and keeps commitments and strives to achieve goals. Unfortunately, some "leaders" make promises that they don't care about keeping and are satisfied with average accomplishments.
- A good leader believes in growing a club and explains that by expanding, the club can do more service within the community. Unfortunately, some "leaders" believe that the status quo is acceptable and rationalize why they cannot do more.

Which leader do you intend to be?

As always, thank you for "Serving Through Diversity."

Yours in Service,

Cindy Gregg, PID and Area Global Action Team Leader for Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia



Leadership

Fellow members,

Being dropped into a role of leadership is both a compliment and burden. It can be overwhelming. Leadership is an act of inspiration, not control. True leaders understand that their success is dependent on those they serve, which in this case is their club.

See things as they are. Knowing where you are is the first step in knowing where to go. Whether a “seasoned” officer, or a newcomer, certain roles are defined much more than others. That is the key to your success. Clubs need to “rethink” the roles of officers every year. For the most part, these roles have specific general duties, but each and every role can be tweaked for what works for your club and their members. Why would we pass up on opportunities that someone can help but there may be one part that they cannot commit to? Work with your fellow members, and club, to find a way to make it work!

Lions Club International offers information that pertains to specific roles. Take a little and get to know what is expected of the role you may or may not have volunteered for. In times of need, especially with our own clubs, sometimes we just need to step up and help. Think about it for a moment, is it really a “burden” to help your club when it needs help? I guarantee it is not a burden for the club, everyone is truly thankful when members step up. Never forget “We Serve”. We must continue to remember to serve our clubs first in order to serve others. Clubs cannot exist without officers, and when clubs do not exist, serving those in need cannot happen.

It is a tough position to be in when our clubs are struggling for members to step into leadership roles. Fellow members, never just sit and wait, always express your interest in whatever it is that you would like to be involved with. Opportunities are always there to improve on yourself and your club. Fellow officers recognize the opportunities that are there for others to step into roles that are vacant, and do not forget about the roles that are not vacant. We need to always be looking for assistants and replacements. Some may get too comfortable in their role which leads to being uncomfortable in changes.

Keep in mind, it is not just your club, it also is our District 14E. We are in need to Zone Chairpersons. People who are willing to do a little more for the good of the cause. Yes, it is a little more. Those that have taken that path know the commitment that is needed to succeed. But, everyone must remember it is not a path taken alone. We all come together to walk beside each other and that my friends is our success story.

Yours in Service,

PDG Aaron Slezak



Membership

With the end of the 2019-2020 Lions year approaching, I would like to thank all of you for your efforts this year. I hope I am finding you all safe and in good health.

Since March, we have faced a situation which is unprecedented in District 14-E history. Our Club board meetings, dinner meetings, fundraisers, and some of our service projects have been cancelled, postponed, or being held using Zoom, Microsoft Office or other technology. "Social Distancing and Face Masks" have become the "new normal".

The world has changed at least for the time being.

Our opportunities to gather as a Club and socialize with our fellow Lions have been minimized or put on hold. Kudos to all of the Clubs who have found creative ways to continue to serve the community under these restrictive conditions!

Believe it or not, this may be our best chance to increase our membership.

With basically all activities being cancelled, the everyday hustle and bustle has slowed to a crawl and more people are realizing that in tough times like these, the need to help those less fortunate is increasing.

- Ask your Club members to contact those individuals they have asked to join in the past, but for whatever reason, weren't able to.
- Do it as a wellness call to check on them, make sure they are okay, and to see if they may need you to do anything for them. In casual conversation, ask if they have given any further consideration to joining your Club.

Use this opportunity to reacquaint them with all the things your Club does in the community. Who knows, they say "timing is everything" and now may be that time when they agree to join.

If nothing else, you've performed a community service project and insured those you had contact with were okay. The impression you made by initiating this contact with them will surely be remembered.

Give it a try! What do you have to lose? Nothing at all!

PDG Dave Stitely
District 14-E GMT Coordinator



Service

Service

We recently celebrated Memorial Day where we remember and mourn those men and women who have died while serving the United States Armed Forces. Earlier in May we have Armed Forces Day to recognize those who are currently serving and in November, we will celebrate Veteran's Day to honor those who have served. This military service, sometimes voluntary sometimes mandated, is what has given us all many of the freedoms and privileges that we have today, and we thank the men and women who have made sacrifices including the ultimate sacrifice of their lives for us.

After September 11th, 2001 it was brought to our attention of the services provided to us by the first responders in the community. These are those men and women trained to respond to emergencies – the police officers, fire fighters, and the paramedics, who often enter situations that put their own safety in jeopardy.

With the recent Coronavirus crisis, we have been made aware of those essential workers in our communities. We are talking about those individuals who are deemed necessary to help meet our basic needs of human survival and well-being. In addition to the first responders this group also includes doctors and nurses, but also those workers like grocery employees, transit employees, engineering and manufacturing, energy and communications infrastructure workers, and all the support staffs that make these things happen like janitors, maintenance, security, and personnel staff. We thank all the essential workers for the service that they do.

Our Lions have adapted and found ways to serve during the recent weeks. This includes service from our financial arm, the Lions Clubs International Foundation - LCIF. As with any disaster worldwide our combined donations to LCIF have made impact on the Covid-19 frontline. Two hundred and forty LCIF Covid-19 Relief Grants have been awarded totaling \$4,148,981 dollars worldwide and of the two hundred and forty, thirty-one grants have been awarded in the US totaling over \$484,000. These grants are being focused on areas with high rates of confirmed Covid-19 cases by providing funding to local medical and emergency management systems.

As I write this article, I received a text message from District Governor Dave DeFazio informing me that he applied for and District 14-E was awarded a \$10,000 Covid-19 Relief Grant. He mentioned these funds will be used in conjunction with the ambulance services in Westmoreland County. Nice work DG Dave!!!

That is what the combined power of our efforts as Lions can do. It is part of what makes us Lions essential workers to our communities. It is the impact that the donation that was made to name a person a Melvin Jones Fellow makes. That same power of that impact is felt by the personal donations made to LCIF by Lions in whatever amount they can afford.

Covid-19 may have impacted some of our traditional service. That is where we need to continue to evaluate and assess our need to the community. We need to adjust and find what we can do to make the impact in our communities. Covid-19 has changed the way we live, learn, and work, but it has not changed who we are. Lions need to continue to look for ways to safely serve while helping to ensure the health and safety of the communities.

We live to the same motto as we have pre-pandemic – “We Serve!”

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

District 14-E
Feeding the Hungry
Service Project
~~Saturday, March 28, 2020~~
Saturday, June 27, 2020
9:00AM

Westmoreland County Blind Association



The food packing service project delayed because of the Covid-19 pandemic is back on. It will be held on Saturday, June 27th at the Blind Association. Volunteers are needed starting at 9:00AM to help pack the meal kits.

The Blind Association is allowing us to use their building. We will be in a different room – not in the multipurpose room we normally use. The room is located on the end of the building closest to the parking lot.

Because of restrictions set up by the Blind Association, the Outreach Program, and for our general health and safety, **everyone that wants to attend must let me know by Saturday, June 20th**. This will give enough time to plan on rotating or shift work if needed. The idea is that we want as many Lions that want to participate to be able to help but we cannot have more than 20 people in the room at one time.

The event should only run a couple hours. We will need help of all ability levels including some that can help lift heavier items to move boxes when completed. Most other parts of the activity can be accomplished by anyone.

If you are interested in attending the event, please let me know by phone 724-309-6750 (call or text) or by email at lremic@hotmail.com

As a reminder we will be using a do-it-yourself system developed by The Outreach Program in which our District volunteers will be packaging 2,000 food kits. Those food kits will then stay here in Westmoreland County to help finger hunger in the communities of District 14-E. The meal kits will be delivered to the Westmoreland County Foodbank.

Thank you to the Clubs who have donated to this event. We will still accept monetary donations if any Club would like to do so. Make checks payable to "District 14-E Lions" with the memo of food packing project.

MISCELLANEOUS REMINDERS!

CAN YOU HELP?

JOIN OTHER LIONS LIKE YOURSELF MAKING A DIFFERENCE
DONATE ONLINE TODAY

FOUR DIAMONDS
Conquering Childhood Cancer

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

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

Donate Today!

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44 Louisville Kentucky

And We're Off... To Winning Leadership!

Louisville Kentucky

September 17-19, 2020

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

Use the following tags on Twitter, Instagram (IG), Facebook (FB) or whatever other social media outlet that uses "hashtags". Hashtags are a way of grouping like posts together making it easier to find and interact!

#district14eweserve

#district14elions

#14EDGDave

CLUB SPOTLIGHTS



When it Rains it Pours!

But that doesn't stop Lion Cedric Stopansky of the Allegheny Township Lions Club. Cedric was helping Vandergrift Meals on Wheels with deliveries when he got "a little wet". The Vandergrift program goes to 6 local communities.

The East Huntingdon Twp. Lioness Club is currently suspending all actions and meetings due to the Covid 19.

We keep in contact via email and phone calls to carry out any club business at hand. We recently dispersed our 2019-2020 donations.

We supported the Dist 14-E Project Contributions and additional donations to our local community. We hope this finds everyone safe and well during this challenging time for all.

We look forward to resuming activities and club business together as soon as this passes and we begin the next chapter of our work together in Lionism.

Take care and be safe until then.

Janice Zelmoré
Corresponding Sec.
E. H. Twp. Lioness



HEAR US ROAR! Lions Clubs Activities

ZONE 1 (Zone Chair: Amy Thompkins 212 Members)

Chestnut Ridge - *No report*

Derry – 7 members.

Greensburg/East Hempfield – *No report.*

Latrobe – 24 members. Awarded Scholarship to Greater Latrobe senior.

Mt. Pleasant Twp. – 60 members. Held members only subs and pepperoni rolls sale. Donated to JDRF. Selected 4 scholarship awards recipients.

New Alexandria – *No report.*

New Florence – 14 members. Meeting, officer election conducted by texting and phone calls. Member Lion Greg Clark has Stage 4 Leukemia. PLEASE keep Greg in your prayers.

Seton Hill University – no report.

ZONE 2 (Zone Chair: Tony Catullo 212 Members)

Belle Vernon – *No report.*

East Huntingdon Township – *No report.*

Monessen – 33 members. Held a flower sale on May 1.

Rostraver Township – 45 members. Continue to collect bags to recycle, received benches from Trek for our community, monthly chicken bbq for fundraiser, weekly free chicken bbq for unemployed in our area, working towards being an LCIF model club.

Scottdale Centennial – *No report.*

Sewickley Area – 12 members.

West Newton – *No report.*

Youngwood – 36 members. Strawberry Festival has been cancelled.

Yukon - *No report*

Lions Clubs Activities cont'd:

ZONE 3 (Zone Chair: Margie Wolff 239 Members)

Allegheny Township – 15 members. Continued with Meals-On-Wheels, communicating by phone & internet with club members & District 14-E. Making plans for rabies clinic & fund raiser with & if all possible with guidelines. Checking neighbors by phone & personal by guidelines. Visited P.D.G. Steve Pityk with new guidelines.

Arnold – 24 members.

Delmont – 45 members. Board of Directors Meeting, broom sales, outreach calls made to members to check on their health & safety. Donated funds to Meals on Wheels to cover the cost of 50 meals for those in need in the community from the Lamplighter.

Lower Burrell – 26 members. Held successful "Mother's Day" raffle. Seven club members put up American flags along Leechburg Road for Memorial Day. Currently in contact via email until we can meet in person again. Continue to collect eyeglasses and sell brooms at several locations.

Murrysville – 26 members.

New Kensington – *no report*.

Slickville – 46 members. Club met via video. One member took part in MD 14 State Council Meeting via Zoom. Members took part in District Officer election online. Lions Lunchables continues while preparing to wrap up with the "end" of the school year. The Club voted on the District Donations, made a \$700.00 donation to the PA Lions Care For the Kids that was "tripled" as part of a matching donation campaign.

Vandergrift – 29 members. Members are all in good health, waiting to start meetings on June 2nd. All other activities have been put on hold.

Washington-Bell Township – 12 members.

ZONE 4 (Zone Chair: Jeff Jordon 180 Members)

Bushy Run - 42 members. Held in person Board Meeting all while complying with social distancing guidelines. Started a "Brooms and Bags" campaign taking their broom sales to social media in an effort to find creative ways to raise money for the club. Collecting eye glasses around the community. Planning their final member meeting of the year which will be an evening picnic held outdoors while still complying with social distancing guidelines.

Irwin – *no report*.

Jeannette – *no report*.

Level Green – 33 members. Broom/bag, strip ticket sales, recycling beverage cans. Hosted 3 students of the month by Zoom Mtg. Awarded 2 scholarships. Posted civic info to sign, maintained Lions building for charitable use, 1 zoom meeting, 1 face-to-face board meeting with restrictions.

Manor – 13 members. Made donations to all district items, Knights of the Blind Open, Manor Public Library, Manor VFD, Manor Food Pantry, St. Barbara Food Bank and the Penn Twp. Ambulance Association.

Norwin – 33 members. Submitted our District Project and Community Donations. Held monthly meeting via Zoom. Presented the Norwin High School Senior Scholarship. Honored a Student of the Month and donated *Oh the Places You'll Go* by Dr. Seuss to the Norwin Public Library in her name.

Stewartsville – 17 members. Chicken barbeque on Sunday May 31, 2020. Made donations to the Westmoreland County Food Bank and to each of the three local church-sponsored food pantries serving the local community.

Trafford – *no report.*



Lions and Friends formed a Virtual 5K team, led by Amanda Remic, to raise money for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

The team EXCEEDED their goal raising \$661! PDG Lance Remic came through with his matching promise and donated \$126!!!! (Thank you PDG Lance!).

Team Members: Amanda Remic (Team captain), Karen Russell, Lisa Gismondi, Jason Mesher, Heather Piekarski, and Arienne Simon.





Join in Lions Districts 14-B and 14-E "Go Diabetes Golf Outing"

Saturday, August 29, 2020

Butler's Golf Course, Elizabeth, PA

Shotgun: 9:00 a.m. (8:00 a.m. registration)

Cost: \$90 Per Golfer

Diabetes Sponsorship Levels

Type 1 - \$1,000

(includes Foursome and Tee Sign)

Type 2 - \$500

(includes Twosome and Tee Sign)

Beverage Cart - \$250

Tee or Green - \$100 (sign)

Dinner Only - \$25



Please make checks payable: Lions Diabetes Fund
McKeesport Hospital Foundation

Mail Check to:

PDG Joe Donkin (14B)
615 Elizabeth Avenue
Elizabeth, PA 15037
pdg92932@aol.com



Mail Check to:

PDG Jim Lewis (14E)
3041 Harley Drive
White Oak, PA 15131
jamesjl1946@gmail.com

REGISTRATION FORM

Type 1 - \$1,000
(includes Foursome and Tee Sign)

Golfer 1 _____

Golfer 2 _____

Golfer 3 _____

Golfer 4 _____

Name on Tee Sign: _____

Type 2 - \$500
(includes Twosome and Tee Sign)

Golfer 1 _____

Golfer 2 _____

Name on Tee Sign: _____

Individual Golfer _____

Beverage Cart Sponsor _____

Tee or Green Sponsor _____



VISION BEYOND THE ORDINARY
Westmoreland County
Blind Association

911 South Main St. • Greensburg, PA 15601

Since 1948, the mission of the Westmoreland County Blind Association (WCBA) has been to improve the quality of life of the blind and the visually impaired, and to assist in the prevention of blindness in Westmoreland County. In order to fulfill our mission, the WCBA offers the following services that enhance the productivity and independence of these individuals.

- Employment for the intellectually challenged and sight impaired in our Work Activity Center document destruction program.
- Employment for the blind and visually impaired in our Manufacturing Area. Through contracts obtained in association with the National Industries for the Blind, these employees produce products for the Department of Defense.
- Specialized Services provides assistance to the blind consumer in areas such as Chore Services, Life Skills Education, and Transportation.
- The Low Vision Center offers aids and appliances to the visually impaired that enable these clients to read printed material, watch television, and function independently. Dr. Chris Cakanac, O.D. F.A.A.O., a low vision specialist, works in conjunction with the WCBA to provide this service.
- The Prevention of Blindness Program screens 3 to 5 year old children for eye problems.
- The Custom Embroidery Department offers embroidered promotional items.

Your ongoing support of the Westmoreland County Blind Association will enable us to continue to serve the blind, sight impaired and intellectually disabled in our community.



VISION BEYOND THE ORDINARY

Westmoreland County
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WESTMORELAND COUNTY 18TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC



VISION BEYOND THE ORDINARY



**FRIDAY
AUGUST 7, 2020**

*New Date
and Location*

THE MADISON CLUB
519 YUKON ROAD
MADISON, PA 15663

7:30 AM REGISTRATION
9:00 AM SHOTGUN START

18TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

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VISION BEYOND THE ORDINARY
Westmoreland County
Blind Association

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2020

----- NEW TIMES!! -----

7:30 AM REGISTRATION

9:00 AM SHOTGUN START

Golf Package

Registration begins at 7:30 am

18 holes of golf with cart, lunch at the turn, games of skill and chance, steak dinner at 2:30 pm, raffles, prizes and a commemorative gift.

Only \$100 per golfer
Limited to the first 120 golfers!!

Gift Donations

Your donation of a gift certificate or an "in kind" item is greatly appreciated and will be used as a prize or in a raffle. For your generosity, a Thank You recognition will be placed in the event program.

For pickup please contact the WCSBA Fundraising Dept. at 724-837-1250, Ext. 11.

Sponsorship Opportunities

ACE SPONSOR - \$1000

- 4-Commemorative Foursome (4) Golfer Packages
- Your company name/logo displayed on canvas banner during event
- Two (2) Tee Signs with your name placed at holes during event

EAGLE SPONSOR - \$500

- Two (2) Golfer Packages
- One (1) Tee Sign with your name placed at hole during event

GOLF CART SPONSOR - \$500 (not named based)

- Your company name/logo displayed on all players' cart
- Your company name/logo displayed on canvas banner during event

BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR - \$500 (not named based)

- Your company name/logo displayed on roaming beverage cart
- Your company name/logo displayed on canvas banner during event

INDIVIDUAL GOLFER - \$100

- One (1) Golfer Package

TEE SPONSOR - \$50

- One (1) Tee Sign with your name placed at hole during event

PRIZE SPONSOR

- Items/Basket or Gift Certificates for Prize Giveaways

Hole In One Sponsor

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M O T O R S

Registration

Name _____
Contact Person _____
Address _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Please indicate participation level

- Ace Sponsor \$1000
- Eagle Sponsor \$500
- Golf Cart Sponsor \$500
- Beverage Cart Sponsor \$500
- Tee Sponsor \$50
- Prize Sponsor _____
Item _____

Approx. Value _____

Golfer Package _____

City _____ @ \$100 each = \$ _____

Lunch Only \$50 _____

Total Due \$ _____

Golfer Names

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Please return registration along with payment
by July 29, 2020

Westmoreland County Blind Association
911 South Main Street • Greensburg, PA 15601

Credit Card (circle): Am Ex • Discover • Master Card • Visa

Account # _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

WCSBA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization



PA LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP

4TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

SATURDAY AUGUST 29, 2020

AMERICAN LEGION COUNTRY CLUB

MOUNT UNION PA. 17066

COST \$70.00 PER GOLFER

INCLUDES: GREEN FEES, CART, PRIZES, SNACKS, AWARDS DINNER, and PRACTICE ROUND ON AUGUST 28TH FOR \$28.00, FREE LODGING AT BEACON LODGE CAMP FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS.

OVERNIGHT RESERVATIONS CALL 814-542-2511

CHECK PAYABLE TO:

PA. LIONS BEACON LODGE CAMP

C/O PCC BRIAN MCCARL

3214 6TH AVENUE, BEAVER FALLS PA. 15010

PROCEEDS BENEFIT BEACON LODGE CAMP



2020 MT PLEASANT TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB GOLF OUTING

FRIDAY, July 17, 2020

SHOTGUN START – 8:00 A.M.

FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE

DONEGAL HIGHLANDS GOLF COURSE

Route 31 and Clay Pike Road, Donegal, PA 15628

\$90.00 per GOLFER

“HELP THE LIONS, HELP THE BLIND”

All Proceeds Benefit:

THE WESTMORELAND COUNTY BLIND ASSOCIATION

50/50

Field Events

Special Prizes

Door Prizes

Bottled Water

Soft Drinks

Throughout the

Day on the

Course

7:00-7:45 AM: Registration & Continental Breakfast

@ Rusty Putter Pavilion

Coffee, Juices & Rolls

Complimentary Hot Dog, Chips, Soft Drink and Beer during your round @ Rusty Putter Pavilion

Dinner @ Approximately 1:00PM

NY Strip Steak Dinner, Redskin Potatoes w/Kielbasa, Peppers, & Onions,

Seasonal Vegetable,

Salad Bar, & Garlic Breadsticks

Homemade Nut Rolls & Cookies for Dessert!

Awards Presentation/Drawings - Approximately 1:45PM

Scramble Winners

Field Event Winners

Door Prizes

50-50 Drawing

Special Prizes



2020 MT PLEASANT TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB GOLF OUTING

FRIDAY, July 17, 2020



Donegal Highlands Golf Course
Route 31 and Clay Pike Road, Donegal, PA 15628
724-423-PUTT www.donegalhighlandsgolf.com

Registration: **7:00 AM** Shotgun Start: **8:00 AM**

\$90.00 per Golfer



FOURSOME or GOLFER REGISTRATION FORM

Name/Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Committee will arrange foursomes for golfers who enter with less than a foursome.

Please return completed registration form with check made payable to: *Mt Pleasant Township Lions Club*
TO: Ed Ungvarsky PO Box 36, United, PA 15689

*******REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 10, 2020*******

SPONSORSHIPS

The financial success of this fundraiser is based on the generosity of corporations, small businesses, Lions Clubs, Lions and individuals. Listed below are the various forms of donations for the outing. All donations are most welcome. Donations from all proceeds of the 2019 golf outing were \$3,500 to the WCBA and \$500 to the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ed Ungvarsky per his phone number or email listed below.

Thank you in advance. 2020 GOLF COMMITTEE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____ Telephone: _____ Email: _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

_____ Tee Sponsorship @/\$50.00 per Tee _____ Monetary Donation

_____ Golf Equipment or Golf Apparel

Please return completed sponsorship form with checks payable to: *Mt Pleasant Township Lions Club*

TO: Ed Ungvarsky PO Box 36, United, PA 15689
724-423-3643 email: eungvars@wpa.net

SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE IS JULY 9, 2020

The Match Has Dropped!

Leader Dogs for the Blind is excited to announce our 1st ever Spring Match Mail Campaign. It arrived in your club's mailbox within the past few weeks featuring Lion/client Wendi Simpson-Dyer and her Leader Dog, Lily (pictured right). While club meetings, fund raisers, and conventions have been suspended, our client needs, and the care of our canines never takes a hiatus.

"We want to pay it forward," explained St. Jacobs Lions Club (1-CN, IL) President Guideon Richeson of their \$20,000 match campaign donation. Combined with Ramsey Lions Club's (5M-7, MN) pledge of \$50,000 our spring mail campaign has a \$70,000 goal! Regardless of amount, every donation will provide twice the impact. Thank you to both clubs for their generous support.

Help us meet our goal either via mail or online:

A) A remittance slip is in the mailer. If that isn't available due to meetings cancellations, make sure you write "match campaign" in the memo or with a short correspondence. When mailing in your club's donation, please include your club's updated contact information including mailing address, contact phone and email and mail to:

Leader Dogs for the Blind Attn: Lions Team, 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307

B) Gifts received online via this link will count as well! Give online at <https://www.leaderdog.org/lionsgive/>

The 3rd quarter donation reports will arrive in the next two weeks. As always, a complete list of club donations is available on our website: [leaderdog.org/lions-club/club-donation-reports](https://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/club-donation-reports).

Attention club presidents/secretaries/treasurers: please take a few minutes to update your club contact information with us. Simply email Lion Kathy Gilchrist at KGilchrist@LeaderDog.org with your club name, mailing address, main contact phone and email address. This information allows us to quickly and accurately recognize each club's good work and continue to provide you with timely updates.

Together We Serve,

Lions Beth, Mike, Kathleen and Kathy

Your Leader Dog for Lions Engagement

PS: Keep us connected -please share our emails with your club, district members and newsletter editors!





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. 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 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.



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LeaderDog.org/Lions

FOLLOW THE LEADER   

Lions District 14-E Project Donations

All clubs in District 14-E are requested to make financial contributions during the 2019-2020 Lions' year to help support each of the following district projects:

- _____ Beacon Lodge
- _____ District 14-E Care Van
- _____ Diabetes Research
- _____ Eye Research
- _____ Leader Dogs for the Blind
- _____ Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)
- _____ Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation
- _____ PA Lions Hearing and Research Foundation
- _____ Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation
- _____ Westmoreland County Blind Association
- _____ Westmoreland County Deaf Services

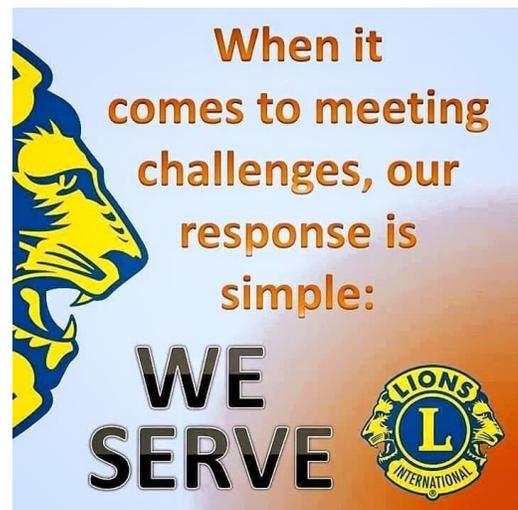
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Lions District 14-E Project Participation

All clubs in District 14-E are requested to participate however they can in the following district activities:

- _____ District 14-E Care-a-Van (club use or member participation)
- _____ District Convention (must have members who voted)
- _____ "Knights of the Blind" Open Golf Tournament
- _____ Mass Induction
- _____ Spring Rally Dinner
- _____ Youth Leadership Seminar (donation and/or sponsor)
- _____ Youth Talent Show (donation and/or sponsor)
- _____ White Cane Collection



Please send donations to our district treasurer or if you donate directly, please send the district treasurer evidence so we can credit you with the donation. Thank you!

Schedule of Events and District Governor Visits

June							July							August						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6				1	2	3	4							1
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
28	29	30					26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Please note that only new flyers for events will be posted in the current Newsletter. Flyers that were posted in prior issues will no longer be reposted in the current Newsletter, but you will be able to retrieve the flyer by locating it under the "Forms and Important Links" section in the email. This new format is being implemented to cutdown on the size of the Newsletter (saving trees!)

Thank you for understanding!

June 2020:

27th District 14-E Feeding the Hungry Service Project
30th Last day of Lions year and year-end reporting

July 2020:

17th Mt Pleasant Township Lions Club Golf Outing (flyer and form in newsletter and email)
18^h 47th Annual District 14-E Knights of the Blind Open (flyer and form in email only)

August 2020:

7th WCBA 2020 Golf Outing (flyer and form in newsletter and email)
23rd Beacon Lodge Appreciation Day
29th Lions Diabetes Golf Outing (flyer and form in newsletter and email)
29th PA Beacon Lodge Golf Outing (flyer in newsletter and email)

Miscellaneous Other Items of Interest:

- Beacon Lodge Wish List (see flyer in email)
- Leader Dog Flyer (see flyer in email)
- Puppy Sponsorship Information (see flyer in email)
- Knights of Blind Registration and Sponsor Forms (see forms in email)
- Community Service Volunteers Needed! (see form in email)

KEY CONTACT INFORMATION:

DISTRICT 14-E CABINET – 2019-2020

District Governor	David DeFazio	Bushy Run	ddefazio47@comcast.net	724-454-0912
1 st Vice District Governor	Chuck Thompkins	Delmont	amoose309@yahoo.com	724-989-8250
2 nd Vice District Governor	Margie Wolff	Murrysville	mgwolff@windstream.net	724-325-4133
District Secretary	Kara Nice	New Alexandria	kpurvis77@yahoo.com	724-689-5560
District Treasurer	Amy Thompkins	Delmont	amoose309@yahoo.com	412-551-0327

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	Margie Wolff	Murrysville	mgwolff@windstream.net	724-325-4133
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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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