

Monthly Newsletter Edition

November | 2021

### **District Governor's Message**



Dear Fellow Lions:

Once again, the holidays are rapidly approaching, and we have the opportunity to provide assistance and support to our communities.

Many clubs are involved in Halloween activities and have thought of innovative and creative ways of service. Some clubs are working on Toys for Tots, repairing bicycles and providing toys. Some are also making blankets and lap robes for nursing home residents. Food drives are a popular project, and one club collects footed pajamas for children. Also, clubs are collecting hats, socks, coats, and gloves for the homeless.

As a different avenue of food collections, last year PID Cindy Gregg introduced a reverse Advent Calendar project. In this method, each day Lion members purchase a different food item. On Christmas Eve, these items are gathered up and delivered to a local food bank or organization for distribution to their clients. (Day 1 – purchase box of cereal; day 2 – purchase peanut butter; day 3 – stuffing mix, etc.) The reverse Advent Calendar may be found later in this newsletter.

Perhaps your club has its own special project for the holidays that you would like to share with other clubs. Several clubs can join forces in their efforts and enjoy the special camaraderie that Lions have.

In November, we celebrate Veterans Day. Thank all of you Veterans for your service. You have all served honorably and admirably. We are very grateful to all of you. Thank you.

Also, Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. We all have many things to be thankful and grateful for. I hope you all have a healthy and enjoyable day.

Yours in Lionism,

Margie Wolff District Governor

### 1st Vice District Governor Message:

### Hello fellow Lions!

Another month has passed and this lion's year seems to be flying by. Along with District Governor Margie, it has been my privilege to visit many of the clubs in 14-E. Your hospitality has been truly amazing. Also amazing is all I have been learning about you. We have some of the most dedicated Lions and active clubs. There is no way to tell you all I have learned. Our clubs are incredibly creative and have come up with many innovative ways to raise money for service projects. Each club has its own personality and each club is a valuable asset to its community.

One thing is certain; good ideas need to be shared. What works for one club just might work for another and some ideas will lend themselves to being adapted to different circumstances. My plea is for clubs to make every effort to be represented at zone meetings and even cabinet meetings. We are blessed to have very good and conscientious Zone Chairs who will do everything possible to make their zone meetings as helpful as possible. Zone meetings are perfect opportunities, not only to learn what is going on at the district and multiple district level, but also, to share with each other what is working for your club. Also, zone meetings can be an opportunity to learn about the resources available to each club.

Of course we all serve our own communities, but Lions look past their communities to the state, the nation, and the world. Attending zone meetings is a first step toward broadening our horizons. I look forward to visiting more clubs and meeting more Lions. I will continue to learn about all of you.

God Bless All of You.

1st VDG Tony

# 14-E Club Support Meeting Notice Save the date!

The next District 14-E Club Support Meeting will be held via ZOOM on

Sunday, November 21, 2021 6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

### **2nd Vice District Governor Message:**

Hello Fellow Lions,

As we leave the summer weather behind us and we enjoy the beautiful colors of fall, we need to remember those in need during the upcoming holidays.

There are many that will not have food or shelter, and with the struggles of the pandemic still looming over us, we need to think of how we can help. Here are a few suggestions for how you can serve your local community:

- Think about having a food drive or making a donation to the local Food Bank so they can help eliminate hunger.
   There are also opportunities for you to volunteer your time to assist with packing food boxes for distribution.

   For more information, call the Westmoreland County Food Bank or visit their website. You can also contact your local Salvation Army to see if they have any families in need and make and deliver your own Holiday Food Box.
- 2. Consider making fleece tie blankets or having a new or gently used blanket drive, and then donate to your local shelters. Blankets are items they desperately need and they also provide a source of comfort to those in need.
- 3. In the past, many clubs have gone to local nursing facilities to sing Christmas Carols to the residents. Due to the pandemic, this may not be possible, so please consider contacting your local facility and asking what their residents might need and put together a basket containing things such as craft items, puzzle books, cards, coloring books, crayons, markers, or simple board games. This will let them know you are thinking of them and that they have not been forgotten.
- 4. Contact your local Salvation Army as their Red Kettle Campaign will be starting soon and they are always in need of Bell Ringers, or contact a club that currently does this and help them out!
- 5. Another opportunity to serve you community is by participating with the Toys For Tots Program. Lion Ed McCormick has confirmed this will be taking place again this year, and will provide more details including dates, times, and location once he has the information. We have helped by building bikes, packing bags for families, and sorting toys by age—this also provides an opportunity to make new friends who could possibly be potential new Lions!! (Don't be afraid to ask them to join!)
- 6. One last activity, but certainly not the least, is to have a Book Drive for Four Diamonds. New books can be collected for all age groups. This can also be done in memory of Samuel Grimm (grandson of PID Cindy & PDG Tom Gregg). For more information, please reach out to PID Cindy, PDG Tom or Four Diamonds. (Just a heads up, I will be having a Book Drive at my upcoming Zone Meetings which will be scheduled following the November Cabinet Meeting!)

As you can see, there are many opportunities to "SERVE" during the holidays, and I have only provided you with a few ideas. Please feel free to contact me with questions or if you need help with anything, I will be happy to assist. (412-551-0327 or <a href="mailto:amoose309@yahoo.com">amoose309@yahoo.com</a>).

I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for all you to do make the world a better place.

Wishes for health and happiness,

2nd VDG Amy

### **2021 – 2022 DISTRICT 14E CALENDAR**

### **JULY 2021**

- 18 Lions Appreciation Day PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
- 19 Washington/Bell Township Lions

### **AUGUST 2021**

- 2 Passing of the Banner Newhouse Park, Delmont
- 3 Vandergrift Lions
- 7 State Council Meeting Red Lion Hotel, Harrisburg
- 12 Diabetes Meeting Butler
- 14 1st Cabinet Meeting, Level Green Community Building
- 16 Newhouse Park, Delmont
- 23 Murrysville Lions
- 25 Yukon Lions/Sewickly Area Lions

### **SEPTEMBER 2021**

- 2 Bushy Run Lions
- 4 LDBAW Golf Outing
- 9 Monessen Lions
- 9 12 USA/Canada Forum, DesMoines Iowa
- 14 Chestnut Ridge Lions
- 15 Norwin Lions
- 20 Arnold Lions
- 21 Allegheny Township Lions
- 22 Slickville Lions
- 23 Rostraver Lions
- 28 Youngwood Lions

### **OCTOBER 2021**

- 5 New Kensington Lions
- 7 Greensburg East Hempfield Lions
- 10 Derry Lions
- 12 New Florence Lions
- 14 Mt. Pleasant Township Lions
- 16-17 GAT Fall Symposium TBA
- 20 Stewartsville Lions
- 25 Level Green Lions/Trafford Lions
- 26 Belle Vernon Lions
- 29 31 State Council Meeting 2, King of Prussia PA

### **NOVEMBER 2021**

- 3 Mass Induction Lakeview Restaurant
- 4 Diabetes Meeting TBA
- 6 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting TBA
- 8 Manor Lions
- 9 Latrobe Lions
- 11 Irwin Lions
- 23 West Newton Lions

### **DECEMBER 2021**

Cabinet Christmas Party TBA

### **JANUARY 2022**

- 7 9 VDG Retreat, Red Lion Hotel, Harrisburg PA
- 11 Jeannette Lions
- 12 Scottdale Centennial Lions
- 13 Melvin Jones Birthday
- 18 Seton Hill University Campus Lions
- 25 Lower Burrell Lions

### **FEBRUARY 2022**

- 4 6 State Council Meeting #3, Wyndham Garden Hotel, York PA
- 7 New Alexandria Lions
- 10 Diabetes Meeting TBA
- 12 3<sup>rd</sup> Cabinet Meeting
- 12 GAT Spring Fling Symposium, Harrisburg PA
- 13 GAT Spring Fling Symposium, TBA
- 22 East Huntingdon Twp. Lions

### **MARCH 2022**

- 11 13 Regional Lions Leadership (RLLI) Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg PA
- 20 District 14E Bowling Tournament, Hillview Lanes
- 26-28 ALLI

### **APRIL 2022**

- 9 4<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting TBA
- 10 Membership Connection Seminar Ramada Inn, State College
- 24 District Duck Race Yukon Lions Field
- 29 District 14E Youth Talent Contest

### **MAY 2022**

- 8 Mother's Day
- 19 22 Pennsylvania Lions State Convention, Valley Forge Casino Resort, King of Prussia PA

### **JUNE 2022**

- 19 Father's Day
- 24 28 105<sup>th</sup> Lions International Convention, Montreal, Canada

### **JULY 2022**

4 Independence Day

IF YOU NEED TO CHANGE THE DATE OF A DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISIT, PLEASE LET THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR KNOW. (724-325-4133)

### The International Association of Lions Clubs



Lions Clubs International ®

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### **NOTICE OF SECOND CABINET MEETING**

TO: CABINET OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS, CLUB

PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES, ALL LIONS, AND LEOS

DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021

PLACE: CONGRUITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

136 FENNELTOWN RD, NEW ALEXANDRIA, PA 15670

TIME: 9:00 a.m. PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS MEETING (Past District Governors only)

9:15 a.m. PRE-CABINET MEETING (Current District Cabinet only)

9:30 a.m. CABINET MEETING (all Lions members and club representatives)

<u>ATTENTION:</u> Please provide a full written report to DG Margie Wolff by Monday, November 1st so that copies can be provided and distributed to clubs. Only summary reports are to be delivered at the cabinet meeting and will be limited to three-minutes. Provide details in the written report to be shared with all clubs.

### **WOMEN AND FAMILIES IN LIONS**

Chilly weather has finally set in. The kids are enjoying the spoils from Trick or Treat and you might be wondering if you will be able to find turkey or canned pumpkin for the Traditional American Thanksgiving Dinner. Can you imagine what it might have been like for the Pilgrims learning new methods from the Native Americans? Historians believe the main dishes were prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. The Pilgrims did not have ovens and the Mayflower's sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, therefore, the meal did not feature pies, cakes, or other desserts, which have become the hallmark of contemporary celebrations.

Looking back to the history of Thanksgiving, the colonists that landed at Plymouth Rock survived a treacherous and uncomfortable crossing that lasted 66 days. The ones that survived stayed aboard ship because the winter weather was brutal. The colonists continued to suffer from disease and starvation and only a handful of the original passengers survived to enjoy Spring at the new home they created in Plymouth.

In early spring, Abenaki, a Native American, greeted them in English. Just imagine their surprise to find someone who looked different from them but spoke their language. Two days later, he returned with another Native American named Squanto, who was a member of the Pawtuxet tribe. Squanto had been kidnapped by an English sea captain and sold into slavery, but eventually escaped to London and returned to his homeland on an exploratory expedition. He was instrumental in the survival of the colonists who continued to suffer from malnutrition and illness. He taught them cultivation, how to fish and hunt, avoid poisonous plants, and harvest corn. In addition, he was instrumental in forming an alliance with the Wampanoag local tribe which would endure more than 50 years of harmony between European colonists and Native Americans.

As a Lion member, our organization centers around harmony and inclusion. We are an International Organization that embraces cultural differences. If you think back to this historical day, where two groups of people with diverse backgrounds came together to give thanks, it is no wonder it has become a nationally recognized holiday. Teach your children the importance of inclusion, harmony, and peace, such as the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Native Americans did at their first Thanksgiving celebration in the colonies.

Resources: (Accessed web: 10-19-2021-https://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving/history-of-thanksgiving)

Till next time....

Mary Popovich



### **November Suicide Prevention**

Fall is here and the leaves have changed and fallen to the ground. We are all starting to think about planning for the holiday season. The rushing around to buy food for that fancy family dinner or making sure we bought the right kind of wine to go with the turkey. We don't take the time, or want to take the time, to think of those that are struggling to put that meal on the table, or the stress this time of year can add to everybody's already busy schedules.

In my job, I hear a lot of stories. This week, a family had to cancel their furnace repair because the husband just got laid off from his job. So she said they will just go without heat with the hope the weather holds out until he is back to work.

This family has to choose between heat and food on the table.

Many peoples we see and talk to are struggling in one way or another. What we have to remember is we might only be hearing part of what is really going on in their lives. I am asking everyone that reads this to have an open mind this holiday season. When you talk to someone that may be a little sad or rude to you, just remember you don't know their whole story. You haven't walked a mile, or a minute, in their shoes.

When confronted in a bad situation, before you comment back to them, or respond with a remark or gesture, make sure you think to yourself, do I know their story? They don't know mine. Are they struggling? Is this their call for help? Maybe this time, just walk away from the situation or say you are sorry even when it's not your fault. You just may help someone.

It's always nicer to see a smile than it is a frown.

In Lionism,

Amy Yasczak





Diane Kerrigan

Trafford Lions Club



### Who Are Lions?

Lions are like-minded men and women in your town who are committed to helping the citizens of your town to live better lives, and to help make your town a better place for those who live and work here.

With almost 1.5 million volunteers, Lions is the largest humanitarian organization in the world. Lions aid the blind and visually impaired, support youth initiatives to build strong character and end bullying, feed the hungry, address global epidemics like diabetes, come the aid of communities when disaster strikes, and are committed to filling other community needs throughout the world.

Because we're local, we can serve the unique needs of our communities and because we're global, we can address challenges that go beyond our borders, and because of our numbers we can help to influence positive change around the globe. When it comes to meeting challenges, our response is simple: "We Serve." It's something that unites Lions around the world. We help wherever, whenever and however we can.



### From around District 14-E:

Nothing to report.





### **Global Action Team**

Dear fellow Lions,

The late President John F. Kennedy said that "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past and present are certain to miss the future."

Change is extremely difficult, but if we are to move forward, we must change, or we will die. Imagine if no one made changes to the Model T, or if we still cooked over an open fireplace. These may be extreme examples, but life changes. Every day is different, and we must adapt. Think of the sports teams. If the pitcher can't adjust his pitch, all of the batters may be hitting the ball over the fence.

Our clubs too, must change. Lions Clubs International is not the same organization as it was in 1921. Women are playing a very vital role and serving in prominent leadership positions. Service projects have expanded into five global causes: diabetes, childhood cancer, vision, hunger, and the environment. Leo Clubs are also working to expand our service, while some clubs are meeting virtually.











During the past year, those clubs that re-assessed their situation during Covid found more relevant projects. They formed partnerships with other non-profit groups within the community. They sought new members who provided innovative and exciting ideas; these members were made to feel welcome, and they were encouraged to attend training sessions and to accept leadership positions.

N.R. Narayana Murthy, the man who changed the face of Indian technology, said that "Change is painful. But nothing is as painful as staying stuck."

We need to utilize the talents of **ALL** of our members. Otherwise, they will quit attending meetings and service projects. Likewise, we must encourage them to attend zone, district, and multiple district functions. In fact, have you shared information about the Regional Lions Leadership Institute or helped your newer Lions take a course in the Lions Learning Center? Does your club provide a meaningful induction ceremony and provide orientation for your members? Do you welcome new ideas, or do you find ways to dishearten the member for suggesting something different?

Sean Higgins, the former basketball player said, "Every day the clock resets. Your wins don't matter. Your failures don't matter." We cannot rest on our past legacy. We need to forge ahead to make our presence known within our communities. In some areas, our neighbors don't even realize that we exist.

So, how will you change? Have you planned to promote Diabetes Awareness Month? Are you adopting a family or a veteran for the holidays? Are you taking part in Operation Shoebox or purchasing pajamas for the Mt. Pleasant Township Lions' project? Perhaps, you may want to participate in Operation Soldier to share the holidays with those who will not be home for the holidays. Once again, I am including the Reverse Advent Calendar for you to consider to help supplement our Food Banks.

George Bernard Shaw stated, that "Progress is impossible without change..." If we are to thrive, our clubs need to think and serve differently than ever before.

As always, thank you for all that you do to "Serve from the Heart." May you have a very safe, happy, and blessed Thanksgiving.

Yours in Service and Friendship,

Cindy Gregg, PID
Area Global Action Team Coordinator (MDs 14, 24, and 29)
Pennsylvania's Global Membership Champion

### "Lions Working Together As One"

Pajamas needed Sponsored by the



### Mount Pleasant Township Lions Club

Sizes newborn to size 10 Male and Female

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



We will be collecting until February 2022 but any received by Christmas

would be a blessing.



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

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

# Please keep the children warm with new Footed pajamas



### Wrap them in love this winter

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

# REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.

ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A

FOOD BANK.

December 1 - box of cereal

December 2 - peanut butter

December 3 - stuffing mix

December 4 - boxed potatoes

December 5 - macaroni and cheese

December 6 - canned fruit

December 7 - canned tomatoes

December 8 - canned tuna

December 9 - dessert mix

December 10 - jar of applesauce

December 11 - canned sweet potatoes

December 12 - cranberry sauce

December 13 - canned beans

December 14 - box of crackers

December 15 - package of rice

December 16 - package of oatmeal

December 17 - package pasta

December 18 - spaghetti sauce

December 19 - chicken noodle soup

December 20 - tomato soup

December 21 - can corn

December 22 - can mixed vegetables

December 23 - can carrots

December 24 - can green beans

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### Leadership

### **Giving Thanks**

November is a month when we traditionally give thanks. We celebrate Thanksgiving and the service of our veterans.

As Lions, we are nearly 50% through our Lions year. It is a great time for us to find ways to thank those Lions that push our clubs forward, that lead our projects, that volunteer as officers, that challenge us to try new things, and that recruit our new members. We have a lot to be thankful for.

The Dalai Lama once quoted an African proverb like this: "If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito." We can all relate to this, right? It is so important to remind our members that they do make a difference. A little recognition can go a long way to keeping members motivated and feeling appreciated. There are many ways to recognize Lions. Be creative and have a little fun! Use recognitions to inspire your members, build enthusiasm, and get them more involved.

Traditionally, we Lions love to give recognitions to members in the forms of fellowships or donations to Lions/community projects or causes important to a member. Here are some suggestions but there are many more:

- Lions of PA Fellowship, Lions of PA Foundation
- PIP Joseph L. Wroblewski Award, Lions of PA Foundation
- PDG John R Crone Fellowship, PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation
- Carl Shoemaker Fellowship, PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
- Walkway Tribute Brick, PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
- Melvin Jones Fellowship, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)
- Walkway Tribute Brick, Leader Dogs for the Blind
- Founders Tribute Plaque, Leader Dogs for the Blind
- Puppy Sponsor, Leader Dogs for the Blind
- Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation Fellowship
- Cindy Gregg Fellowship, Lions District 14-E Care-a-Van
- PA Lions Care for the Kids, Four Diamonds

You can also have a lot of fun celebrating your members by getting your Tail Twister involved. They are, after all, the life of the meeting! Come up with fun or funny ways to thank members. You can create your own awards. Here are some ideas:

- Early Bird Award that one member who is first to arrive to everything. Maybe a bag of gummy worms?
- Class Clown or Comedian Award the member whose humor gets us through those difficult times and keeps things light and fun. Perhaps a clown nose or squirting flower?
- Trailblazer Award the member who pushes us to do new projects. There is this basketball team....
- Top Salesperson every club has at least one member that could sell ice to Eskimos, right?
- Helping Hand Award that member who helps with all the projects. Maybe an inflated surgical glove?

Be creative and come up with your own ideas. It doesn't really matter how you recognize members and show your thanks. It just matters that you do. Casey Stengel, manager of the New York Yankees in the 1950's once said, "There are three kinds of people: Those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who say, 'what happened?'" Take some time this month to recognize those in your club that, in fact, do make things happen.
PDG Dave DeFazio
Membership
Strengthening our Clubs
Currently, our membership stands at 802 members. This Lions year, we have added 20 members and lost 7 members. We are currently a (+13) in membership and are going in the right direction. With the Fall Season upon us, we should use upcoming Community events and service opportunities to bolster our Club's membership. Visibility within our local areas helps reinforce our Lions motto of "We Serve", allows us to make a positive impact on improving our communities, and exposes who the Lions are and what we do to those who may not be aware. Hands on opportunities to help us on a specific project are an effective way to gain membership. As the colder weather approaches, I am asking that each of you sponsor a Club Social event and invite family, friends, and others that you would like to be a part of your Club. The key is to make it FUN! Maybe do icebreakers, have light refreshments, play games, and give them a brief overview of how your Club positively impacts the community and its residents. Try to schedule it around an upcoming project and personally invite them to participate in it. Let's take advantage of these opportunities to increase our membership!  The District Global Membership Team has proven techniques developed by Lion Ron Rometo of the Level Green Lions and Lion Charlie Baker of the Yukon Lions Club that will help your recruitment be successful. We would enjoy sharing these with your Club. Please contact PDG Dave Stitely at <a href="mailto:lbrgrader@comcast.net">lbrgrader@comcast.net</a> or at (412)-720-0903 for additional information.
PDG Dave Stitely
District 14-E GMT Coordinator

### **Service**

#### A Life of Service

While I am responsible for what I do as a Lion there are a few people that have played a significant part in placing me and keeping me on my path of Service. One of these Lions was my sponsor, there are my friends and fellow Lions from my Club and all around, and those role models who have taken leadership and service roles above to levels above and beyond. I am talking about those people who, in their Service, motivate us to be better Lions. My Club lost a member this past month, and I lost one of those members that I am talking about. That member was my friend, Joe Ulisse.

Joe passed away on October 15<sup>th</sup> at the age of 93. He has been in my thoughts a lot lately. What I am writing here is some of those thoughts and some are from the Necrology Service that we held in Joe's honor.

Lion Joe was a Charter member of the Slickville Lions Club helping form the group back in 1985. During his 36 years of Service with the Club he held offices of Club President, he served for many years as our Club's secretary, and in recent years as a director on our board.



Joe was involved with every activity we did as a Club. He spent many mornings cleaning and selling chicken. He helped sell Christmas trees years ago and until very recently he chaired our broom sales. He served as our Club's prayer leader at meetings, and he made sure that our members were aware of those other members that were sick or recovering and he sent cards to let them know that our members were thinking about them. As recent as last year he helped plan one of our most recent projects in helping provide chicken for the local meals on wheels delivery.

For every hour Lion Joe spent in doing hands on service for the Club, he spent countless hours thinking about how to make our Club better and constantly relevant in the community. We talked a lot about ideas that he had and things he hoped to see happen. How to get more members? How to involve our members in doing more? Who could help us do things better? What should we do different? How do we make a bigger impact? Even this last year when he was unable to attend certain Club functions he never failed to call within a day or two to see how things went.

At each meeting Joe's opinion and ideas were so valued that he held a spot on our agenda. The Club president would always take time to ask Joe if he had anything he would like to share.

His influence as a Lion extended beyond our Lions Club into the Lions District. By attending District meetings, he had friends from Clubs throughout Westmoreland County and beyond.

Several years back the New Alexandria Lions Club celebrated a milestone Charter Night. Past District Governor Rich Danesi was a member of the New Alexandria Lions but he was also a Guiding Lion of the Slickville Lions Club. PDG Rich was living in a personal care home at the time. Lion Joe made arrangements, and he and I went and picked up PDG Rich so that he was able to celebrate the Charter Night with his Club even though he could not be with them as regularly for other Club functions as he would have liked.

Joe did what a Lion should do when working with a newer Lions – he mentored members about what it meant to be a Lion. He made sure we were aware of Club and District functions and in his time, he attended District functions, oftentimes bringing fellow members with him. His mentoring helped the Slickville Lions Club to see one of our members become the Club's first District Governor. I know he was proud to have the Slickville Lions represented in that way. Joe accepted a role on the District Cabinet that year as the District Chaplain to support his Club's Governor. For his leadership and support he was recognized with a Lions International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation.

Lion Joe was named a Melvin Jones Fellow, he is a Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation Fellow, and was named a PA Distinguished Counsellor. After many years of serving our Club as Secretary, Joe decided to resign that role. That year the Club named Joe our first ever Slickville Lions Club Lion of the Year. Since that time the Club has presented that award annually in Joe's name.

He was always looking for ways to impact the community. He not only cared for and worried about those in need, but he also shared that same care for the members of our Lions Club. Those who knew Joe can all think of those little personal relationships that he had with us. Whether it was sharing his extensive gardening knowledge, or talking sports, or just asking about family, and people's jobs, Joe took time to have a special relationship with all of us.

Joe loved gardening and he was a seed salesman for part of his life. Being a seed salesman was so symbolic to how Joe was to us. A packet of seeds contains dozens of seeds and over his time I'm sure Joe sold 1000s of packets of seeds. Those seeds had the ability to grow into whatever plant with some care and maintenance providing the fruits and vegetables for the grower to enjoy. Joe planted seeds with everyone he knew.

I've not known many better people than Lion Joe. He was never negative when we tried something, and I never heard him say something bad about a person. He always found the good in us. He often brought out the best of us. Seeing what Joe did, even in the later years of his life, he was an example that motivated us all.

Joe was a deeply religious man and I know he believed in the rewards of Heaven. There are few of us more deserving of those rewards than Joe. I am sure he is there now reuniting with his family and friends. I hope he will soon see and have his hands back in the dirt of his new gardens. Then after that I am sure he will take some time to find out when Heaven's Lions Club meets. If there is anyone that has some ideas that can make a place like Heaven better than what it is, that person is our friend Joe.

As Lion Joe's health struggled and declined over the last several months, he called to many of his friends, Lions and non-Lions, me included, to thank us for what we have done. It was touching to hear the appreciation and respect that our friend had for us. I just hope he knew how much we appreciated, respected, and loved him.

I do not think there is a Lion among us that cannot speak the same of a Lion that has helped motivate them. I encourage you to take some time and think about that member or members now. If they are not with us today, I am sorry for your loss and am thankful for what they have done making you the Lion that you are. If they are still with you make this your opportunity to let them know what they have done for you and how grateful you are to have your relationship with them.

Joe Ulisse lived to our motto of "We Serve" by helping those in need. Though we must go on without him hopefully our Service will be in the spirt of Lionism that he helped build in everyone that he knew.

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



# A group of lions are called a Pride. Lions show their pride in our communities by the great service we provide.

# If you are interested in showing that you are proud of your community and would like to help, please reach out to your local Westmoreland Lions Club

**Allegheny Township** 

**Arnold** 

**Belle Vernon** 

**Bushy Run** 

**Chestnut Ridge** 

**Delmont** 

Derry

**East Huntingdon Twp** 

**Greensburg / East Hempfield** 

Irwin

Jeannette Latrobe **Level Green** 

**Lower Burrell** 

**Manor** 

Monessen

Mt. Pleasant Township

Murrysville

**New Alexandria** 

**New Florence** 

**New Kensington** 

Norwin

Rostraver Township

Scottdale Centennial

Seton Hill

**Sewickley Area** 

Slickville

Stewartsville

**Trafford** 

Vandergrift

Washington/Bell Twp

**West Newton** 

Youngwood

Yukon

These clubs are throughout Westmoreland County and are a part of District 14-E.

For more information and would like to join us, Look up District 14-E at  $\underline{www.lions14e.org}$ , like us on Facebook, or contact District Governor Margie Wolff.





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Email: lisgis67@msn.com



# MT PLEASANT TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our club, along with the Norvelt VFD, will hold an AYCE pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 21, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Roosevelt Hall. This is a community and family event for our club and the firemen. Cost is still \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids 6 to 12 and under 6 free. Menu includes: pancakes, Belgian waffles with strawberries and whipped cream, sausage and breakfast beverages. Please invite your families and friends. We need many volunteers for the 7:00 to 10:00 shift and the 10:00 to 1:00 shift. Please call Ed Ungvarsky to volunteer. We expect about 300 in attendance since we haven't recently held a breakfast.



Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties (LDBAW)

# Friday, December 17, 2021 White Oak American Legion

6:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

Wine & Cheese Hour \* Holiday Buffet \* Homemade Desserts \*Around the World Basket Auction \* 50/50 Drawing

AND DANCING TO:

Boogie <sub>Down Enterta</sub>inment Featuring <sup>DJ Darryl</sup> Black

SPONSORED BY:

# **Mon Yough Chamber Foundation**

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MAIL TO:	PID Cindy Gregg, Event Chair	OR	PDG Chris Raynak, Treasurer	
	1130 Willowbrook Road		1006 Harvard Drive	
	Belle Vernon, PA 15012		Monroeville, PA 15146	
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RESERVATION DEADLINE - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021



# The Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties (LDBAW)

November, 2021

Dear "Christmas with the Lions" Donor:

On Saturday, December 17, 2021, the Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties (LDBAW) will be sponsoring our "Christmas with the Lions" Dinner Dance at the American Legion in White Oak.

Your support is needed now, more than ever, to help replenish over \$21,000 in diabetes medication costs for those who cannot afford their medications at UPMC McKeesport and Westmoreland Hospital. Our Board is committed to ensuring that these patients receive their medications. During the past ten years, our medication costs have exceeded \$260,000.

One way for you to help us reach our goal is to send a financial contribution. Another way is to donate a Christmas/holiday basket for our auction. The basket auction is a major part of the proceeds raised for our diabetes patients, and you can also share in the rewards of this event.

It's been said, that "Giving is not just about making a donation; it is about making a difference." Of course, this is a fantastic opportunity for you to make a difference in the lives of many of our neighbors. Thank you for your consideration, and may you be blessed abundantly.

#### Sincerely yours,

Amy Thompkins, Basket Auction Chair (14-E)
(amoose309@yahoo.com)
Lisa Gismondi, Basket Co-Chair
(lisgis67@gmail.com)
PID Cindy Gregg, Vice Chair (14-E)
DG Mary Ann Belles (14-B)
DG Margie Wolff (14-B)
PDG Mary Jane Keller (14-B)
Lion Dee Connor (14-B)
Michele Matuch, Board Chair (14-B)
Carla DeJesus, Diabetes Specialist (14-B)
Michele Axelson, Diabetes Specialist (14-E)

Monetary donations can be mailed to LDBAW, c/o Immediate Past District Governor Chris Raynak, Treasurer, 1006 Harvard Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146

## Basket Donations Needed

The Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties is looking for Basket Raffle donations for their "Christmas Around the World with the Lions" Fundraising Dinner which will be held on Friday, December 17, 2021.

Baskets should have a Christmas/Winter theme and may be filled with things like crafts, gift cards, gift certificates, jewelry, auto cleaning kits, items to promote your business, food themes, etc (please note that we are unable to raffle off alcohol, however, we will gladly accept things like Wine & Spirit gift cards, glasses, mixes, accessories, etc).

100% of the proceeds will go toward providing financial assistance to those individuals who need help with their diabetes medications and are enrolled in programs at either UPMC McKeesport Hospital or Excela Health Westmoreland Hospital.

Please contact either 2VDG Amy Thompkins (amoose309@yahoo.com / 412.551.0327) or Lion Lisa Gismondi (lisgis67@gmail.com / 724.454.3653) if you would like to donate a basket for this event.

Thank you in advance for your support!









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

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

#district14eweserve

#district14elions

**#14EDGMargie** 

### District 14-E Lions Facebook Page





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 <a href="mailto:akbrant@atlanticbb.net">akbrant@atlanticbb.net</a> (Amanda) or <a href="mailto:leance">leance</a>) Or text your info to 724-984-7644 (Amanda) or 724-309-6750 (Lance).





Bushy Run Lions Club is once again partnering with the Wreaths Across America - North Huntingdon Chapter to help raise funds to "sponsor" wreaths that will be laid on veteran's graves at the following local Cemeteries on December 18, 2021: Union, Immaculate Conception, Long Run and Penn Lincoln Cemeteries.

From now until November 30th, the Club will be soliciting wreath sponsorships to help the Chapter fulfill their goal of roughly 6700 wreaths needed so that all veterans at these locations receive a wreath.

HOW TO SPONOR WREATH(S) FOR THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM:

Option 1. The easiest way to go directly to the WAA website: <a href="https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/PAUCNH">https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/PAUCNH</a> Once there, scroll to the bottom of the page, click on "view our groups" in the blue box to the right and find the box that says "Bushy Run Lions Club". (You will see that there are 5 other groups helping Friends of PAUCNH). From there just follow the directions/steps provided.

Option 2. If donors prefer, they may fill out the form below, write out a check to Wreaths Across America (please make sure they place Loc ID PAUCNH and Grp ID PA0547P on the memo line of their check) and you can submit the sponsorships to Lion Lisa Gismondi. (address: 309 Oak Ridge Ln, Murrysville, PA 15668).

Bushy Run Lions plan to participate in the wreath laying ceremonies on December 18th. Fellow Lions, family and friends are welcome to join us!

Thank you to each and every one of you! If you are on facebook, please check out the Wreaths Across America - North Huntingdon page for pictures, stories, and more information!





Pictured: 2019 Union Cemetery

### Our Story-North Huntingdon Wreaths Across America

In August 2017, Wreaths Across America – North Huntingdon became a chapter of National Wreaths Across America. Wreaths Across America's mission is to Remember our fallen. Honor those who serve and Teach children the value of freedom. A committee of dedicated volunteers was formed to raise funds to purchase wreaths for the 2,100 veterans' graves at Union and Immaculate Conception Cemeteries in North Huntingdon. In 2017, over 300 volunteers participated in placing all 2,100 wreaths. In 2018, more than 365 volunteers braved a very rainy, windy and muddy day to be a part of National Wreaths Across America Day for Union and Immaculate Conception Cemeteries. A volunteer was overheard saying "Our veterans have served in worse conditions, the least I can do is be here in the rain to pay respects to them."

In 2019, over 300 volunteers braved freezing rain and mud to place 2,650 wreaths at Union and Immaculate Cemeteries in addition to the 400 veterans located in Long Run Cemetery that were added this year.

In 2020, we added our largest cemetery yet at Penn Lincoln where over 4,000 veterans are resting. Even with the community-wide effects from the global pandemic, we were able to recognize 3,789 veterans, making 2020 our biggest year yet.

Our goal for 2021 is to recognize all 6,700 veterans laid to rest at all of the cemeteries we support. To accomplish our goal, we have set our fundraising total at \$100,500. To reach our goal, we will continue to host fundraising events, to reach out to the community for donations and above all, to educate our younger generations so that our youth can help us remember our veterans.



Pictured: VFW Post 781 Honor Guard 20:

### Wreaths Across America

Arlington

Nearly 1.8 Million Honored During 2018 National Wreaths Across America Day

2018 National Wreaths Across America Day Sees the Placement of 1,800,000 Veterans' Wreaths at 1,640 Participating Cemeteries Across the Country

ARLINGTON, Va. - Dec. 16, 2018 - Yesterday on National Wreaths Across America at 1,640 participating locations nationwide, grateful Americans in every state placed 1,800,000 veterans' wreaths on the headstones of our nation's heroes. At Arlington National Cemetery, nearly 60,000 rain-soaked placed volunteers 253,000 Nearly 600 truckloads of wreaths were transported across the country through a network of hundreds of volunteer drivers, donated trucking and diesel, and countless hours of dedicated volunteers committed to the mission to Remember. Honor and Teach. "Wreaths Across America brings diverse people and communities together across the country to celebrate all that is good and just," said Karen Worcester, executive director, Wreaths Across America. "It is our obligation as Americans to teach our children - and each other about the value of our freedom and the character of the men and women who serve to protect it."

Each live, balsam veteran's wreath is a gift of respect and appreciation, donated by a private citizen or organization and placed on the graves by volunteers as a small gesture of gratitude for the freedoms Americans enjoy. For centuries, fresh evergreens have been used as a symbol of honor and have served as a living tribute renewed annually. Wreaths Across America believes the tradition represents a living memorial that honors veterans, active duty military and their families. Volunteers are asked to say the name of the veteran out loud when placing a wreath to ensure their memory lives on.

# Sponsor a Wreath Today for the 2021 National Remembrance Ceremony

Name:	
Address:	
City:	
State:Zip	
Phone:	Pictured: 2018 JROTC Ken Divins
Do we have permission to publicize your name?	
Yes <b>OR</b> No, I wish to remain Anonymous.	

\*Sorry- we are unable to accept grave specific requests\*

Sponsorship Levels	Price	Qty	Total
1 Wreath Individual Sponsorship	\$15.00		•
2 Wreath Sponsorship	\$30.00		
5 Wreath Family Sponsorship	\$75.00		
(most popular)			
10 Wreath Sponsorship	\$150.00		
Custom Number of Wreaths			
(\$15.00 each)			
Custom Dollar Amount			
		Total	

Location ID – PAUCNH

Group ID # PA0547P (Bushy Run Lions)

National Remembrance Ceremony
DECEMBER 18, 2021
Union, Immaculate Conception, Long Run and Penn Lincoln Cemeteries

Please make checks payable to Wreaths Across America and mail with above completed order form to:

Lion Lisa Gismondi 309 Oak Ridge Ln Murrysville, PA 15668

If you have any questions, please email: <a href="lisgis67@gmail.com">lisgis67@gmail.com</a> or phone 724.454.3653

Deadline for donations: November 30, 2021



# Winter Coat Drive To benefit the local community. Sponsored by New Kensington Lion's Club and Urban Image



We are accepting new and used (gently worn) coats.

We are also accepting hats, gloves, scarfs and other cold-weather related items.

In addition, financial donations can also be made which will Go directly to this project. Checks can be made to New Kensington Lion's Club.

> Help us help those in our community to be prepared for winter.

> > All donations are 100% deductible.





Accepting all donations now thru December 3rd.

2021

Drop off location is: Urban Image

955 4th Avenue

New Kensington, PA 15068

Tues - Sat, 10:00am - 5:00PM



## Lions making a Difference.

### **ZONE 1 (Zone Chair: 2nd VDG Amy Thompkins)**

**Chestnut Ridge** – 26 members. DG visit to club in September. In October we hosted our annual apple dumpling sale. It was a great success with a visit from DG Margie. Some of the proceeds were contributed to an emergency need of a blind family in our area.

**Derry** – 9 members. Honored students of the month from Derry Area and Eastern Westmoreland Career and Technology Center, cooked meal for homeless men housed at the Mission in Latrobe.

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

Latrobe – 19 members. Honored Student of the Month from Greater Latrobe High School

Mt. Pleasant Twp. - No report.

**New Alexandria** – *No report.* 

New Florence – 20 members. Dist. Gov. Margie Wolff was at our meeting along with PDG Thompkins, Zone chair Amy Thompkins and 1stVDG Tony Catullo and his wife Susan. DG Margie Wolff gave a talk on service from the heart, make a difference be a lion, new members and keeping clubs open, food pantries, service and meeting reporting, Beacon Lodge and Project Hope for Vets. Vendor Fair--We sold 40 raffle tickets and eleven brooms. Oct 31 Raffle--All the tickets have been sold.

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

### **ZONE 2 (Zone Chair: Jeff Jordon)**

**Belle Vernon** – *No report.* 

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

Monessen – No report.

**Rostraver Township** – 42 members. Donated a Trex bench to the Residence at Hilltop assisted living. Our group took a tour of the Rostraver Historical Society, followed by a gathering at Bills Golfland. Once again our BBQ was a sellout.

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

**Sewickley Area** – 10 members. Held Broom drive in the township. Collected hearing aids to donate to Hearing Foundation.

West Newton – No report

### **Lions Clubs Activities cont'd:**

**Youngwood** – 36 members. Held a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast clearing about \$900. Held a prospective new member night with PDG Lance Remic speaking on Lionism and Lion Amanda Remic speaking on Leader Dog. We gained 2 new members from this.

Yukon – No report.

### **ZONE 3 (Zone Chair: 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Amy Thompkins )**

**Allegheny Township** – 12 members. Continued with Meals-On-Wheels, held club meeting per C.D.C. guidelines back in the Allegheny Twp. Municipal building, held semi-annual road cleanup.

Arnold - No report.

**Delmont** — 45 members. Club sold 30 brooms, collected 331 pairs of eye glasses in October. 2 members attended: the work weekend at Beacon Lodge Camp, the Fall Leadership Symposium in Johnstown, and the WPLHF meeting at the Eye & Ear Institute in Pittsburgh. Club sold Pork sandwiches, hot dogs and drinks at the Delmont Apple & Arts Festival. Club had 5 members assist with Lions Lunchables for 81 students. Club is working on tying fleece blankets for Westmoreland hospital. Club had a school supply drive for Metzgar Elementary School (Greensburg Salem). Club is currently selling pies from the Pie Shoppe for Thanksgiving. Club is planning Charter Night, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Christmas ticket, Nursing home basket, club Christmas covered dish, and a blanket drive for the Welcome Home Shelter.

**Lower Burrell** – 25 members. Closed Farmers Market for the summer. Brooms will continue to be sold at the Lower Burrell Tax Office

Murrysville – 20 members. Participated in Trick or Treat on the Trail and passd out almost 300 bags of treats.

**New Kensington** – *No report.* 

**Slickville** – 44 members. The Club held the first Lions Lunchables Backpack packing of the school year. The group met in solemn tribute of Charter member Joseph Ulisse after his passing.

**Vandergrift** – 27 members. We continue our gun ticket sales, hospital equipment collections and loan outs. Plans are in the works for our sponsorship of the Vandergrift back When Christmas Extravaganza Dec 3-5.

Washington-Bell Township – 13 members. *No report*.

### **ZONE 4 (Zone Chair: Jeff Jordon)**

Bushy Run – 41 members. No report.

**Irwin** – No report.

Jeannette - No report.

**Level Green** – 32 members. Guest speaker Linda Bires from PTARC spoke at regular meeting. Koeze nut order forms were passed out. First order due November 8th. Route 130 road cleanup and broom sales on Route 130 was a success. Regular meeting at Community Building with District Governor. Had a table at the Level Green Elementary PTO school fall festival. We are spreading the word of the work we do and try getting new people interested to join.

### Lions Clubs Activities cont'd:

Manor – 11 members. Donated money towards Manor Halloween Party

Norwin – 31 members. Sold brooms. Collected eye glasses and film plastic for recycling.

**Stewartsville** – 17 members. On October 17, 2021, the Stewartsville Lions Club held a Chili Bowl and broom sale fundraiser at Holiday Travel in North Huntingdon, PA. The Stewartsville Lions Club was honored to host an official visit by District 14-E Governor Maggie Wolff on October 20, 2021 and presented a donation of \$325 to Governor Wolff in support the district charities. The Club held its 2021 annual picnic on October 3, 2021, at the home of 49 year Charter Member Jack Sherriff. Three members of the Stewartsville Lions Club helped with the food distribution at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Food Pantry in North Huntingdon, PA.

Trafford – 5 members.



Level Green Lions Club will be serving a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM to Noon. Proceeds will benefit the Lions Club charities. The event will be held at the Level Green Community Building at 123 Murrysville Road. Tickets will be available at the door, and veterans are invited to attend free. ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES (BLUEBERRY OR PLAIN) WITH SAUSAGE & BEVERAGE; BUTTERMILK OR BUCKWHEAT ADULTS \$6.00 -- CHILDREN \$3.00. Served in-house or takeout.

### Penn Twp Fall Festival Parade - Saturday 9-18-21

### **Level Green Lions Club**



Fall Fest Parade-LGLC Marchers & Drivers (Plus Photographer LAN) Waiting to Start



Fall Fest Parade - LGLC 9-18-21 Bill Lang



Fall Fest Parade - LGLC 9-18-21 Ed Barnes



Fall Festival Parade 9-18-21 Bill Edwards & Jim Rex – LAN taking pic

### Stewartsville Lions Club Chili Bowl and Broom Sale

On October 17, 2021, the Stewartsville Lions Club held a Chili Bowl and broom sale fundraiser at Holiday Travel in North Huntingdon, PA. Bowls of chili with a drink, a dessert, and crackers were provided. A sunny but brisk day was ideal for the sale of more than 110 bowls of chili.





Stewartsville Lions Kathy Stitely and Linda Lewis fill the lunch bags for the drive-through customers.



King Lion Dave Stitely and Lion Linda Lewis display the Stewartsville Lions' delicious home-made chili.

### District Governor Margie Wolff Visits the Stewartsville Lions Club

On October 20, 2021, the Stewartsville Lions Club was honored to host its annual club visit by District Governor Margie Wolff who was accompanied by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Tony Catullo and Zone Chairperson Jeff Jordan. Governor Wolff provided a thoughtful address to the club and presented membership recognition awards to several members. The club presented a welcome gift to Governor Wolff and made its first installment towards the District Governor's 2021-2022 Projects.





District Governor Margie Wolff presents service awards to Stewartsville Lions member Kathy Stitely, PDG Dave Stitely, and Grace Mastro during her official club visit on October 20, 2021.





King Lion Dave Stitely presents a Welcome Wreath to DG Margie Wolff during her club visit on October 20, 2021.



Stewartsville Lions Club president PDG Dave Stitely presents a check for \$325 from the Stewartsville Lions Club to District Governor Margie Wolff in support of the District 14-E 2021-2022 Projects during the Governor's official club visit on October 20, 2021.







A Four Diamonds Program Conquering Childhood Cancer

# JOIN US IN THE FIGHT TO CONQUER CHILDHOOD CANCER!



### VISIT OUR FUNDRAISING PAGE

Visit FourDiamonds.org/PALions and look for the state of Pennsylvania towards the bottom of the page.



### CLICK ON YOUR DISTRICT

Click on your district/county and make a donation or create a fundraising page for your club.



### **CREATE A FUNDRAISING PAGE**

Click "Join our Team" and then click "Continue to Next Step". Enter a fundraising goal, select if you would like to make a donation and fill in the other required information. Then click "Continue to Confirmation".



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Your fundraising page is now set up and you can begin fundraising for your Lions Club and help Four Diamonds Conquer Childhood Cancer.



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## How to set up Your Recurring Gift



### Visit our fundraising page

Visit FourDiamonds.org/PALions and scroll down and click "Make a Donation."

MAKE A DONATION



### Select your donation amount

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

Supporting PA Lions "Care - For The Kids™"





### Help conquer childhood cancer

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



\$10/ month funds one day of art therapy.



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



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

Four Diamonds.org/PALions





### DISTRICT 14-E LIONS

### COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER FORM

No Experience Needed! Please consider giving some of your time to help those in need!

Lions have had a long history of serving their community in times of need. District 14-E is proud to continue that long standing tradition by putting together a team of Lions willing to share their skills to help our neighbors during difficult times. Whether it is helping to clean up and rebuild after a natural disaster (flooding, tornado's etc.) or just helping a person in need, we want to be ready to lend a hand. Please fill out this form if you would be willing to help us with a project or two. You do not have to have a specialized skill, to be part of this program but if you do have experience in any of these areas or access to equipment please let us know.

Club Name	Contact Person
Lion's Name	
Address	
Home Phone	Cell Phone
Email	
I am interested in volunte	eering. I have experience in the following:
Plumbing	Electrical
Carpentry	Masonry
Painting	Drywall
Landscaping	General Volunteer
Roofing	Truck Driver (or can operate other equipment)
Access to construction	equipment( please list on back of this form)
Please return this form to	your club contact person. Thank you for your willingness to serve

Lion Cedric Stopansky (contact me at 724-831-8107)

## The Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation Fellowship and Contributing Membership Programs

Both of the following programs have been established to help provide funding to support the projects of the Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation. Our goal is to continue our mission of providing assistance for adults and children through the purchase of audiology devices that will improve hearing for those who are hearing impaired.

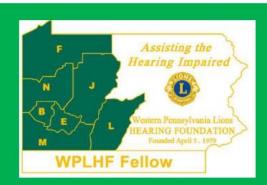
#### The Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation Fellowship Program

The Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation Fellowship has been established to help provide funding to continue to provide 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 (pictured here) 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 Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation Contributing Membership



You can show your support for the Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation by becoming a contributing member. A \$10.00 purchase provides the pin seen here.

Check out the Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation website at <a href="https://www.wpalhf.org">www.wpalhf.org</a> or contact one of your District Board Members for more information.

#### Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation Fellowship Application

 Name of recipient exactly as it should appear on the plaque:

Name:
Address:
City:
State/Zip:
Phone: ()
<ol><li>Is the recipient a Lion? If so check one:</li></ol>
Lion Lioness Leo
PDG IP PIP
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PID
Name of Club:

- 3. A donation of \$250.00 is required to qualify.
- Name and address of DONOR if different from recipient:

Name:
Address:
City:
State/Zip:
Phone: ()
Email:
Please check one:
Personal Club
District Memorial
Referred by:

5. Enclosed is a check payable to Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation in the amount of \$250.00. Please mark on the memo line WPLHF Fellow. 6. Please print the name and address where the Fellowship plaque is to be sent:

Name:
Address:
City:
State/Zip:
Phone: ()
Signature of Donor
Date Submitted://
Date Required:// Please allow 2-4 weeks
Send this application with check made payable to:
Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation
And mail to:

PDG Lance H. Remic 122 Country Lane Export, PA 15632

Questions Contact PDG Lance at 724-309-6750 or Iremic@hotmail.com



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## Lions Districts Supported by the Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation:

14-B - Allegheny

14-E – Westmoreland

14-F – Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer, McKean, Venango, and Warren

14-J – Cambria, Cameron, Clearfield, Elk, Indiana, and Jefferson

14-L – Bedford, Blair, Fulton, Huntingdon, and Mifflin

14-M – Fayette, Greene, Somerset, and Washington

14-N – Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Clarion, and Lawrence

The Lions Clubs within the above counties are able to take referrals for auditory devices (hearing aids). If you have a need or your club has an individual, please contact the Board Member from your respective County/Lions District to start the application process.

For more information about the Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation visit the Web site at:

#### www.wpalhf.org

To provide assistance for adults and children through the purchase of audiology devices that will improve hearing for those who are hearing impaired.

#### Western Pennsylvania Lions Hearing Foundation



FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION



## Leader Dog Teams In Action

By Lion Charles Schwab, 24-L (Virginia)



While at the Lions USA / Canada Leadership Forum in Des Moines Iowa last month, I had the opportunity to meet several Leader Dog teams. Some of the clients were very experienced and over the years have come back for their second or third Leader Dog. For others, they had just recently received their first dog. There was even a Future Leader Dog puppy named Meredith who was just taking in the sights and sounds of this large group of Lions wondering what was up and why everyone was giving her so much attention. It seemed at times she was more interested in holding on to her own leash then having someone hold it for her.

The stories the Leader Dog clients told me were all different. Some have been blind since birth; others lost their sight over time, but they all wanted to be unstoppable and seeing them travel so effortlessly around the convention center made me smile.

They were eager to share their stories with me as we sat at mealtime or before a scheduled event. You could feel the love and trust they experience every day as a team. You could see it in the eyes of the Leader Dog. They were eager to help their partner. The Leader Dogs knew when it was time to "work" and when it was time to relax or take a nap. It was amazing to see these teams move around the large convention center with ease. At times it seemed to be easier for Leader Dog teams to maneuver around a crowded room than it was for the rest of us.

Thanks to you, Leader Dogs for the Blind provides their services free of charge to their clients. Their goal is to make clients independent and unstoppable, with our help they are making this possible.





## 2021-2022 Symbolic Puppy Sponsorships Roll Out

Hear these puppies ROAR!

This month 5 new Future Leader Dog puppies are available for a symbolic sponsorship. Individuals and clubs may help prepare these puppies for a life of service for a donation of \$500.

Pictured above is Future Leader Dog Snickers. FLD Snickers is being raised by a volunteer Lion puppy raiser in Wisconsin. She is a chocolate Labrador retriever who is "bold, frisky and smart"!

Need a "non event" fundraiser perfect for small and large clubs? Ask us about Dollars for Dogs. Free fundraiser kits are available to get your community involved-proceeds may be used to sponsor a puppy!

Go to LeaderDog.org or email LionsSupport@LeaderDog.org



# Sponsor a hero. Be a hero.

Throughout our history, thousands of amazing donors worldwide have helped us empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel. Now you have the opportunity to show your support in a new way, through a **Symbolic Puppy Sponsorship**. For \$500, you'll receive a picture, a profile and an official certificate of your sponsored Future Leader Dog.

Leader Dog services have been critically important during the pandemic. LAST YEAR, we were able to safely provide:

**▶**500,000+

Days of safe and Independent daily travel

▶97

Guide Dog clients served (48 by home delivery)

▶68

Clients received white cane training

×4

Clients who are deaf and blind received customized guide dog training in-home

▶ 22

Teenagers gained leadership and travel skills

▶17

Young adults gained travel, professional readiness and networking skills

▶109

Clients and O&M pro's viewed virtual learning videos

►\$0 Cost to client



"Leader Dog Kane is bringing back a part of life I thought was lost... confidence, independence. I can step out into public knowing I have eyes with me and a partner." -Vanessa P & LD Kane





For more information or to sponsor, visit LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy

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1039 S. Rochester Rd | Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115

## 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!





Michigan



Snickers



Bear Michigan



Unique Michigan-Ionia Correctional



Michigan-Baraga Correctional

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

Name (Required)			
Mailing Address			
City	State	Zlp	- 0
Contact Email Address	Phor	ne ()	

Sponsoring (please circle ONE puppy) Lucky Snickers Bear Unique Jaxx

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 Leader Dog.org/sponsor-a-puppy



- Raised by volunteer Lion puppy raisers



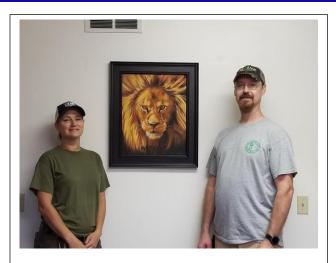
PDG/President Don Gibala asked for a picture of IPDG Chuck along with board members PDG Lance Remic & PDG Dave Stitely, and DG Margie & 2VDG Amy presenting the "check" from last year's donations as it was a significant donation.



## **CLUB SPOTLIGHTS: District Governor Visits & Activities**



Beacon Lodge Fall Work Weekend



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Level Green Lions Club DG Margie Wolff & Lion Chuck Quinter 50 YR Service Award



Mt Pleasant Twp DG Visit



Mt Pleasant Twp DG Visit



Mt Pleasant Twp Lions DG Visit



Mt Pleasant Twp Lions – years of service chevron to Ron Tinkey



New Florence Lions DG Visit



New Florence Lions Officer Installation



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Derry Lions DG Visit



Chestnut Ridge Lions Apple Dumpling Days



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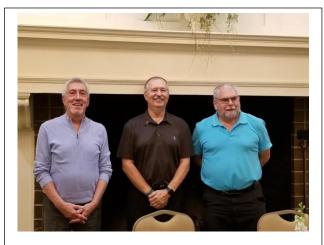
Chestnut Ridge Lions Apple Dumpling Days



Delmont Lions Apple & Arts Festival



Delmont Lions Apple & Arts Festival



Greensburg East Hempfield Lions Years of Service Chevron Awards



Greensburg East Hempfield Lions – IPDG Chuck presenting King Lion Ed with a PID Cindy Gregg Award



New Kensington Lions DG Visit



New Kensington Lions DG Visit



New Kensington Lions Years of Service Chevron Award



Level Green Lions Club DG Visit

## Pictures from the State Council Meeting at Valley Forge, PA.



State Council Meeting – PID Cindy Gregg



State Council Meeting – Speaker PID Bud Wahl



Halloween Fun – Mary Poppins & PID Cindy



Halloween Fun – PID Bud Wahl & his wife Lion Jema as Danny and Sandy from Grease



Halloween Fun – PID Jenny Ware



Halloween Fun – PDG Cheryl Wilber



Halloween Fun – PID Cindy Gregg &PDG Tom Gregg



Halloween Fun – 2VDG Amy & IPDG Chuck as Winnie Sanderson & Beetlejuice (and YES! That's a Lion's Broom!)



Halloween Fun – Lion Jema, 2VDG Marty Zimmerman, 1VDG Keith Schoff & Clown



Halloween Fun – PDG John Mallonee



Halloween Fun – DG Dave Leon & 1VDG Lisa Leon



Halloween Fun – DG Mary Ann Belles & Lion George



Halloween Fun – PCC Karen Brady, PCC Bill Morgan & CC Cathy Baker



Halloween Fun – Lion Paula & DG Gary Hilbert



Halloween Fun – DG Dick Sware & Lion Jeanie



Halloween Fun – DG Jeff Loudermik & 2DVG Maria



Halloween Fun DG Dave Leon & CC Cathy Baker



Halloween Fun – Lion Michael Toland as the Riddler



Halloween Fun – 1VDG Kamal Gella & his wife Joyith



Halloween Fun – Lion Donna Vasek & her skeleton dog





## **Lions University**

Year-Round Training Provided by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum







At the MD14 GAT Fall Lions Clubs Leadership Symposium in Johnstown, PA, PID Cindy Gregg, along with PDG Kerry McKnight, presented King Lion Lisa Gismondi with her Lions University Bachelors Certificate. Lions University was established in 2014 to support the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum objective of providing year-round leadership development opportunities for Lions Club Members. Through three education program levels, Lions Leaders will enhance their knowledge and skills to better serve their community. The levels are: Bachelor's Program, Master's Program, and Doctorate Program.

For more information: Lions University – A Comprehensive Lions Club Leader Development Program









2021-2022 DISTRICT 14-E PROJECTS DONATION FORM			
CLUB	DATE		
Beacon Lodge Camp for the Blind	\$		
Care-A-Van	\$		
Diabetes	\$		
Disaster Relief Team Fund	\$		
Eye Research	\$		
Pediatric Cancer	\$		
Leader Dogs for the Blind	\$		
Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)	\$		
Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation	\$		
PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation	\$		
Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation	\$		
Westmoreland County Blind Association	\$		
Westmoreland County Deaf Services	\$		

**Please note:** If your club has not already submitted donations, they must be received by May 1, 2022 to receive credit for 2021-2022. Donation check should be made out to District 14-E Lions and this form should accompany the check. Please mail check to Cabinet Treasurer, 2VDG Amy Thompkins, 309 Beechwood Rd, Greensburg, PA 15601. If necessary check can be given to District Governor Margie before the deadline.

TOTAL DONATION:

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#### **IMPORTANT WEB ADDRESSES**

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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