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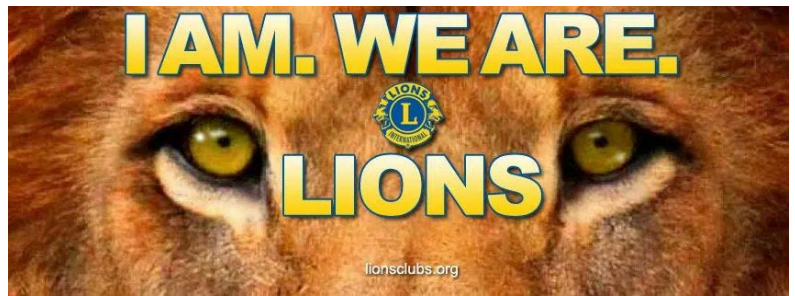
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Thank you.*



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Greetings, Lions and Leos,

What an exciting and enthusiastic International Convention we had in Montreal. Even though I did get ill and missed a few events, our new International President has more spirit and pizzazz than we could imagine. His theme sets the direction for the coming year, "Together We Can."

We had a great representation of Pennsylvania Lions in attendance. Our governors got a full dose of "how to do" as they headed back to PA to get the year started off with a bang.

We experienced a nice turnout for our Lions Appreciation Day at Beacon Lodge. The weather was comfortable, food was good, the ducks did their usual in the stream and the entertainment by the campers was excellent. If you didn't attend, put it on your to-do list for next July.

President Brian's message to all Lions shared priorities that we should embrace that will help strengthen our communities and Lions:

- Share the joy of being a Lion
- Keep our Foundation strong
- Think big when we serve
- Be a local advocate

A great message for all of us to use in our clubs and districts.

With summer winding down, we should be able to refocus on our Membership, Service and Leadership; the three main components of the Global Action Team. Has your district and club moved forward using last year's progress with the GAT process? If not, now is a great time to get the assistance that is available for our leaders and the Lions' resources on the website to move ahead. Our ability to grow our members, increase our service and improve our leaders is all within our control. When we all joined Lions, it was to serve. Part of that service is becoming a leader within your club, moving up to help your district and bringing in new members to keep the pool of serving Lions full. Fall is the perfect time to get that moving. Just think what would happen if each of our 639 clubs would induct a new member in October. We would see 639 new members within our Multiple District. Of course, we also need to stop the loses with no member drops. Can we do that? I am confident that we can. My challenge for every club is to find that new member and invite them to join the world's best service organization and get involved in helping their community. I am anxious to see what you can do.

Until next time.

In Lions Service,

PTD Larry



From Council Chair David D. León

Welcome to the First Edition of The Pride for 2022-23, and my first Council Chair message to all you Lions and Leos of Multiple District 14! Like many of the Council Chairs before me, I sat down several weeks ago, staring at a blank page, thinking: Where do I find the right words to inspire you... to serve, to invite others to serve, and to take on leading those who want to serve... through Lionism.



The past couple of years have been quite challenging. Two years ago, the country came to a screeching halt due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. As we all learned how to act, work and just live, things started opening up, including Lions Clubs across Pennsylvania. Last year we still had people who were dipping their toes in the water while others were jumping full in. Lions Clubs across PA did similarly, there were those who figured how to serve and those who went to sleep and are now just peeking from under the covers. As an engineer this reminds me of the word: Inertia. The dictionary defines Inertia as: a tendency to do nothing or to remain unchanged. Isaac Newton's (the guy whose head got bumped by an apple) First Law of Motion postulates that: a body will remain in motion if it is in motion or remain at rest if it is resting unless acted on by an external force.

So, the question is: Which kind of Club do you belong to? Or maybe the questions should be: What actions are you taking to make sure your Club is the one you want to belong to? Or the Club you want to invite others to join?

The International Convention in Montreal was chock-full of ideas and information on actions Lions members can take to grow in membership, service and leadership. Membership in Pennsylvania has been in a continual decline (We are at less than 16,500 members across PA's 639 Clubs). Service activities are on the rise, along with the number of people served, as compared to the COVID years. Service reporting through MyLion has grown, but I would like to believe the growth is due to Clubs becoming more active. Leadership, and succession planning, has been an issue for several years with many District positions, and a few State positions going unfilled.

What, you ask, is the solution? The Global Membership Approach (GMA)! The Global Membership Approach objectives are to: 1) Rejuvenate districts with new clubs, 2) Revitalize clubs with new members, 3) Re-motivate members with new fellowship opportunities and exciting service, 4) Provide training and support to our Lions Leaders and 5) Finish each year with a positive membership net growth. So, you can see that all three of the main growth needs are covered: Membership, Service and Leadership.

And to quote our International President Brian Sheehan: "Together We Can!"

Lion Dave

Council Chairman David D. León

Introducing Council Chair David D. León!

He was born in July 1957 in Inglewood, CA; raised in California, Florida and Puerto Rico; but spent most of this life in PR. He's the oldest of four children; his mother and siblings are still living in PR.

CC Dave started his Lions' career in 1984 as a member of the Lower Burrell Lions Club in 14-E. He later moved and transferred to the Murrysville Club, also in District E. He served as 14-E's district governor in 1994-1995. He moved to the Poconos after marrying Lisa who is now the District Governor in District U and transferred to the Stroudsburg Club in 2012.



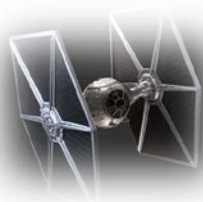
He is a retired Research Engineer from Alcoa where he worked for more than 32 years at their Technical Center in Western Pennsylvania. He has a son, Andrew who is a Lion in Denver, Colorado, and two stepsons, Evan, a Lion in Stroudsburg and Matthew.

CC Dave has been actively involved with KidSight USA and many other youth-involved activities.

His father, Dave, was a great role model in his life as a Lion in Guayama, PR, who served his club and district in various capacities. CC Dave says, "Lionism in my hometown was a family affair as we all attended meetings: my dad with the club members, mom with the spouses' group and me and my siblings with the members' kids. This is probably what inspired my theme the first time as District Governor: "Lions & the World...One Big Family.""

"There are a few things I've learned about leadership: No one is born a leader, and you can't call yourself a "leader" unless people want to follow you. I believe that leaders beget other leaders. One of the philosophies I had...was that I needed to "work myself out of a job." What that meant is that I needed to constantly be solving problems and teaching others how to do what I do so they could do it too. That is how I got promoted to the next job and, by doing so, brought others forward! My other philosophy was "never ask someone to do something I would not do myself." It was true when I worked and I believe this is true in Lions, too."

"In my first speech to the 2022-2023 Council of Governors at their Orientation Meeting I talked about "The Journey." I feel that one of my duties as the Council Chair will be to be their guide through this phase of the new District Governor's journey as they move Lionism in MD-14 forward. If you look at the definition of "guide" in the dictionary you get: NOUN – 1) *a person who advises or shows the way to others*, 2) *a thing that helps someone to form an opinion or make a decision or calculation*. Our DGs get a lot of good training on how to be a District Governor, but now it is time to put that training to use in real life!"



CC Dave is a Star Trek and Star Wars fan and his office is full of collectibles, including a life-size T.I.E. Fighter Pilot from the Star Wars series. He also collects non-sport cards and G.I. Joe action figures.



MD-14 Global Action Team

Fall Leadership Symposium

2 LOCATIONS

Saturday, October 15 9AM-3PM

PA Lions State Office
949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111
Lunch \$7.00 payable at Symposium
OR

Sunday, October 16 Noon-5PM

Cambria County Association for the Blind
211 Central Ave, Johnstown, PA 15902
Snacks provided

FREE & OPEN TO ALL LIONS!

ATTEND EITHER LOCATION!

Scheduled Presenters

PDG Cheryl Wilbur- Membership

PCC Terri Kodgis-Service (Johnstown)

PDG Kerry McKnight-Leadership

PDG Bob Roebuck-Service (Harrisburg)

PDG John Mallonee-Technology

Contact PDG Kerry to reserve your seat(s)-

klm52@aol.com or 717-235-2790

(SEATING IS LIMITED)



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TO: 2022-2023 State Council of Governors, Lions of Pennsylvania International Family,
Vice District Governors, MD-14 Committees and Coordinators and interested Lions

Multiple District 14 Council Chairperson Dave León has issued a call for the **2022-2023 Council of Governors** to hold its **second meeting Saturday, October 29, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. at the Pittsburgh Marriott North Hotel in Cranberry Township, PA 16066.**

The Council of Governors will hold a Preliminary Meeting Friday, October 28, 2022, at the Pittsburgh Marriott North Hotel at 1:30 p.m.

If your committee needs a room to meet on Saturday morning, please notify me by Wednesday, October 12, 2022. Meeting rooms will be given out on a first come first served basis. There are a limited number of rooms available.

A Reservation form for the International Banquet to be held Saturday, October 29, 2022, as an official part of the Council of Governors weekend, is included in the packet of information that accompanies this Call of the meeting.

The annual Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation (LOPF) Banquet will be held Friday, October 28, 2022 at the Pittsburgh Marriott North Hotel. A reservation form for the banquet accompanies this Call of the meeting.

Discounted sleeping rooms are available at the Pittsburgh Marriott North Hotel and the Courtyard Marriott Hotel for **\$109 plus tax and are available through October 13, 2022.** To reserve a sleeping room at the **Pittsburgh Marriott North Hotel** please click on the link to make a reservation. The link is [Book your group rate for PA Council of Lions Club](#)

You may also call the hotel at **1-800-853-5574** and tell the receptionist you would like to book at room at the Pittsburgh Marriott North and **you must tell them you are with the PA Lions to get the discounted rate of \$109 plus tax per night.** Only King Beds are available at this hotel. **If you need 2 beds in your room you must book at the Courtyard Marriott** which is adjacent to the other hotel. The number to call is the same and the price is the same and **you must tell them you are with the PA Lions to get the discounted room rate.** There is no online booking for the Courtyard Marriott Hotel.

Committee chairpersons/coordinators who have an **Action Item** for State Council to consider during the October 29, 2022 meeting **must** submit that item in written form to the State Office **no later than Wednesday, October 12, 2022.** Any Action Item proposal received by the State Office less than 14 days prior to a State Council meeting must be approved by a two-thirds vote (12 of 18) of the Council of Governors before it may be presented for consideration. An Action Item that does not receive the needed two-thirds vote for consideration will be tabled until the next State Council meeting. Committee chairpersons/coordinators with Action Items must be present or have a representative at both the Preliminary and Regular State Council meetings. *Council Chair León reminds everyone: Oral committee reports to State Council will be subject to a three-minute time limit.*

State committee chairs and coordinators who do not have an Action Item for Council to consider are also asked to submit written reports to the State Office prior to October 12, 2022 so they may be included in the packet of information for the State Council to review prior to the meeting.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

Lion Deb Burkholder

MD-14 Acting State Administrator

It's Party Time



HOSPITALITY NIGHT

STATE COUNCIL MEETING

FRIDAY NIGHT 10/28/2022

DON'T MISS IT! 9:00 TO 11:00 pm

CASH BAR
SNACKS

FUN!



FUN!



FUN!



**YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE ANNUAL**



**LIONS OF PA FOUNDATION
BANQUET**

Friday, October 28, 2022 at 6:00 PM

Lions State Council Meeting

Pittsburgh Marriott North

100 Cranberry Woods Drive

Cranberry Township, PA 16066

Social Hour: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Cash Bar

Cost of Traditional Turkey Dinner \$49.00

Reservations needed by October 24th

Please Mail Reservations to:

PDG Linda Gibala

228 West Pearl Street

Butler, PA 16001

Make Checks Out To: THE LIONS OF PA FOUNDATION



Reservations for LOPF Banquet (Mail to PDG Linda Gibala)

Name: _____

Address: _____ **Dist.14-** _____

Number Attending: _____ **@ \$49.00 = \$** _____

Entertainment—The Apollo Tiny Dancers

You are cordially invited to: The International Banquet Guest Speaker- PID Howard Hudson

Saturday, October 29, 2022 at 7:00 PM

Lions State Council Meeting

Pittsburgh Marriott North

100 Cranberry Woods Drive Cranberry

Township, PA 16066

Social Hour: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm



Cost of dinner is \$46.00 per person.

Apple Cider Brine Chicken Breast with Honey Rosemary Glaze

Roasted redskin potatoes, broccolini & roasted red peppers

Seared Fresh Atlantic Salmon with ginger soy scallion butter

Roasted redskin potatoes, broccolini & roasted red peppers

Vegetarian– Pasta Prima Vera

All dinners served with Caesar Salad, bread basket, coffee & teas

and High Apple Pie with Caramel Sauce for dessert.

Reservation form:

Choice and number of meals:

Chicken _____ Salmon _____ Vegetarian _____

Name _____ District 14- _____

Address _____

Number of meals _____ @ \$46.00 Total _____

Please send your completed reservation to :

PDG Linda Gibala

228 West Pearl Street

Butler, PA 16001

Make checks payable to District 14– N Lions

To: MD-14 Club Officers
From: Lion Ashley Grimm, Legal Counsel
Re: PA State Sales & Use Tax Exemption Form
Date: July 7, 2021

Pennsylvania State Sales and Use Tax Exemption form awarded to the PA State Council of Lions Clubs for use by clubs during fundraising projects. This form is valid through February 2026 and may be duplicated as needed but **SHOULD NOT BE POSTED ON CLUB OR DISTRICT** websites or social media where it would be accessible by the general public. We do not want to risk losing the exemption as the result of improper use of this form.

Courtesy of Multiple District 14 Legal Counsel Lion Ashley Grimm:

"The PA State Council of Lions Clubs is registered in Pennsylvania as an Institution of Purely Public Charity under The Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act, 10 P.S. § 371. et seq. As such, it, and its subsidiary clubs, qualify for an exemption from PA Sales tax. This means clubs are exempt from paying sales tax when they purchase goods or services. It does NOT mean they are exempt from remitting sales and use tax to Pennsylvania during fundraisers."

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Revenue

CERTIFICATE OF SALES TAX EXEMPTION

PENNSYLVANIA LIONS MULTI DIST 14
949 E PARK DR
HARRISBURG PA 17111-2810 USA

Account ID: 75384600

Exemption Type: Charitable
Expiration Date: 02/28/2026



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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

This certificate is not assignable or transferable.

Quoted in part from *The Mane Connection*, page 7, July 2022



2022 International Convention – Montreal MD-14 International Convention Committee Final Report

The International Lions Clubs Convention was held June 24th thru June 28th, 2022 in historic Montreal, Quebec.

Pennsylvania Lions and guests numbering 76 enjoyed the convention with Lions and guests worldwide.

Highlights included the International Parade on Saturday morning and the afternoon show featuring Smokey Robinson.

Pennsylvania hospitality night was held at the Delta Marriott Hotel, hosted by ID Larry Edwards, welcoming more than 100 Lions and guests. Along with ID Larry, MD-14 District Governors, District Governors-elect and Lions welcomed distinguished guests: International President, Doug Alexander; First Vice President, Brian Sheehan, Second Vice President, Patti Hill and Third Vice President candidate, A.B. Singh.

The Mid-Atlantic Breakfast was held on Sunday morning at the Bonaventure Hotel. In attendance were 47 MD-14 Lions and 80 Lions and guests from Virginia, Maryland and New Jersey.

The first plenary session was opened on Sunday morning by International President Douglas Alexander. Events included a parade of nations and videos reporting on assistance to Ukraine refugee efforts and Disaster Relief efforts including the Kentucky tornado assistance and frames of our own MD-14 volunteers and wrapped trailers.

Second plenary session Monday featured Canadian award-winning singer Kim Richardson and keynote speaker Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.

Third and final plenary session was held on Tuesday. Announcement of International Third Vice President A.B. Singh, outcome of Campaign 100 raising \$324+ million, and the installation of District Governors.

LCICon 2022 highlights can be found on LCICon.lionsclubs.org. “Meet Brian Sheehan, your new International president;” “Did you miss LCICon 2022? Relive it here;” and “We did it – together! More than US \$300 million raised.”

Respectfully submitted July 8, 2022

PDG Ron Kodgis and PCC Mark Kusma

MD-14 Pennsylvania – International Convention Committee Report August 6, 2022 - Council of Governors Meeting



July 7 – 11, 2023

In 334 days, Lions from around the world will converge on Boston for the 2023 Lions Clubs International Convention.

MD-14 Pennsylvania has been assigned two delegation hotels:

Boston Park Plaza (1.6 miles from convention center)

or

Hampton & Homewood Seaport (0.5 mile from convention center)

Registration is now open: \$175 individual Lion along with a deposit on a hotel at www.mcisemi.com/lci2023/

We had the opportunity at the Montreal Convention to speak with MD-33 Massachusetts International Convention Committee and the Chairperson, PID Joyce Middleton and obtain information regarding the hotels, room rates and map.

Due to an increase in the lodging rates an amended budget will be prepared for review by the Finance Committee and presentation at the October 2022 Council Meeting.

Please feel free to see me or PCC Mark Kusma for additional information or questions.

Respectfully submitted (7/10/22),

PDG Ron Kodgis, Chair

PCC Mark Kusma, Vice Chair

3rd Member TBA

From the MD-14 LCIF Coordinator

The most recent total from Campaign 100 is over \$325 million! PDG Kerry McKnight and I deeply appreciate everyone who participated and made this campaign a huge success! MD-14 is at \$1,982,852. None of this could have been done without your support! Congratulations to PDG Kerry and District 14- C for raising \$505,924 to be 217% over their goal!

Also, congratulations to PDG Kerry for being promoted to Vice Area Leader of Area B; well deserved!

As we have seen in the past few weeks, disasters are still happening more frequently and with more destruction.

The newest fund from LCIF is the Refugees and Displaced Persons Fund. As of July, LCIF has awarded 44 grants for a total of \$1,738,260 from this fund for the Ukrainian humanitarian crisis. These grants were for Lions Clubs that are supporting Ukrainian refugees who have crossed their border. Lions in Ukraine have also received grants to address critical needs of people who remain in the country. Grant funding will enable Lions to purchase and distribute immediate relief items, such as food, clothing, hygiene supplies, sleeping bags and medicine. Donations to this fund are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowships but are not eligible to receive District and Club community impact grants.

Thanks to your support this increases the ability for LCIF to quickly award grants in times of disaster.

Thanks to you, lives will be forever changed for the better with many even saved because of Lions Service in vision, diabetes and other humanitarian efforts globally!

In future issues of the Pride, we will focus more in depth on how the success of Campaign 100 will help the LCIF causes.

PDG Evan Punched,

MD-14 LCIF Coordinator

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/discover-our-foundation/mission>

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



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

When I wrote this article, MD-14 Lions had just concluded Council Meeting #1 in which the Global Leadership Team (GLT) spent valuable time with our Vice District Governors, presenting the first of this Lions year's VDG training. Topics included the MD-14 dress code, who's who in Pennsylvania Lions, and the expectations of the VDGs. However, the most important feature was our VDGs becoming acquainted with each other. Additional classes are scheduled for each of the remaining three Council Meetings.



The MD-14 Global Leadership Team has a full schedule for Pennsylvania Lions to take advantage of fabulous learning opportunities. October brings our Fall Symposiums and will be followed up in February with our Spring Symposiums. Dates and locations are included in this issue.

The MD-14 GLT kicks off 2023 with our three-day Vice District Governor Retreat in Harrisburg. We have a great faculty team that Lions in other Multiple Districts are extremely envious of.

The Regional Lions Leadership Institute will be held March 10th through the 12th at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg. If you enjoy being a Lion, the RLLI is just what you need to increase your Lions leadership abilities. Hotel rooms and great meals are included for a \$175 fee. We have seats available for 40 Lions. Our goal is to have each seat occupied and all 17 districts represented by at least one Lion.

Please contact your District Governor for more information.

PDG Kerry McKnight, GLT Coordinator

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State Lions Clubs
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1923 - 2023**



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Reserve your pins for Lions, Leo's and Clubs

14J District Host Committee distribution/proceeds

Contact PCC Terri Kodgis for details
814/659-6620
Terri.kodgis@breezeline.net



Lion Nancy Luella Poust

Partner in Service of PDG Charles Poust
District Governor 2015-2016, 14-G
Ferguson Township Lions Club

August 24, 1947 - July 8, 2022



PDG Thomas O. Dieter

District Governor 1999-2000, 14-K
Moore Township Lions Club

1942 - September 3, 2022



Joan Marie (Bisko) Perce

Partner in Service of PID LeGrand Perce III
Bedford Lions Club, 14-L

October 23, 1938 – September 3, 2022

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Forever in Our Hearts



PDG Mark Andrew Mizenko

District Governor 2016-2017, 14-W
Kingston Lion Club

February 17, 1960 - May 29, 2022



Robert A. McComas

State Administrator 2014-2022
Lower Paxton Lions Club, 14-T

May 21, 1956 - August 16, 2022



PDG William A. "Bill" Lupher II

District Governor 1972-1973, 14-B
Clairton Lions Club

September 17, 1932 - July 27, 2022

Never to be forgotten



Council Meeting #1
Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg Hershey



August 6, 2022



In this recent past with the pandemic, and few members, Ridgway Lions Club weren't able to fund their main community project alone.

Ridgway Lions Club has six members; they work diligently on giving back to their community through scholarships to graduating seniors from Ridgway Area Senior High School, a Ridgway student attending Elk County Catholic School and to other local projects.



They say there's strength in numbers and the Lions motto is "WE SERVE." The Ridgway Lions Club's challenge this year for a community project, was to provide some Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in local stores, Little League Field, and one store in a neighboring community. The club became hopeful that by teaming up with the Ridgway American Legion and Ridgway Rifle Club they could obtain the devices. The Ridgway Ambulance Corporation helped in giving some input as to where the AEDs could be placed, along with where the club felt there was a need. The Ridgway Ambulance will be in charge of ordering the AEDs and helping get them set up in the chosen areas.

With the help of the matching grant from Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation, their hopes of putting several AEDs in the communities became a REALITY. Without the help of the Lions of PA Foundation this project would not have been possible.

This is not the first grant that the Ridgway Lions have applied for, and received, from the Lions Foundation. The grant application is open to all Lions clubs of Pennsylvania. I strongly urge all Lions clubs in Pennsylvania to check out the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation.

Our club can't thank the Foundation enough.

Lion Tracey Amacher

Ridgway Lions Club

Contributed by **Lion Sue Huston**,
Ridgway Lions Club, 14-J



Pictured are PDG Richard Hautz presenting the check from LoPF to Lions Tracey and PDG Dave Amacher



District 14-N received a **Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation** Grant for \$1,219 to purchase Nebula Capsule Smart Wi-Fi Portable Mini Projectors and screens. The equipment will give access and use to all Lions and clubs throughout the five-county District 14-N for training, education and community service presentations.



*Pictured above left are District Governor **Gaylene Toland** and **PDG Dr. Donald Gibala, 14-N.***

Contributed by **PDG Dr. Don Gibala**

The **Downingtown STEM Leos** held a car wash to benefit the Chester County Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired; making \$60 for the organization.

*Pictured are **Leos Shivani Gadiparthi** and **Steve Wang.***

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny, Avon Grove Lions Administrator, 14-P**



Shillington Lions Club
Project: 610-207-7373
info@shillingtonlions.org

Shillington Police Department
610-777-3947



Police Department Receives Funding for Firearm Training System

Shillington, PA: The Shillington Police Department received funding Thursday night for a firearm simulation training system that will allow the department more advanced training with the requirement of less resources for facilitation. The \$13,300 funding for the system was provided by the Shillington Lions Club.

The DART Firearm Simulation Training System offers advanced simulation trainings including both stationary silhouettes and live decision-making scenarios. The software also offers unique modification features including programming the local school layout to run shooter simulations.

The new system will allow the department to enhance their training operations and increase their officer readiness. The virtual design means live ammunition is not required for training - increasing officer safety during training, as well as bypassing the amount of funding and resources needed for traditional live training sessions.

The funding for the system was donated by the Shillington Lions Club, a local community service organization. This financial donation included a grant provided by the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation that amounted to 50% of the funds.

“We didn’t donate these funds just to the police department. We donated these funds to more than 5,000 residents of Shillington, as well as the members of neighboring communities who will all benefit from the advanced police training that this system will provide.” Commented Dan Lubas, Shillington Lion.

The funds were presented to the department on Thursday September 1st at 6:30 p.m. during the Lions Club’s first meeting of the year.

Shillington Lions Club: The Shillington Lions Club is a service organization providing for and supporting the needs of all individuals in local communities. Locally, Shillington Lions hold collections, donate funds, and provide direct services. www.facebook.com/Shillington.PA.Lions or www.shillingtonlions.org

Shillington Police Department: The Shillington Police Department is a full-time department, operating seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. The office is located at 999 East Broad Street in the Bough’s Police/Municipal Building. 610-777-3947

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Shillington Lions, 14-P

\$13,300 check

**Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation Grant
Shillington Police Department**



PDG Richard T. Taylor



Contributed by **Lion Madison Kaley**



Avon Grove Lions, 14-P, set up an information booth at Canine Partners Fall Festival. They handed out information about Lions and the Lions' programs. Books from the Avon Grove Lions Book Barn were handed out free to the children in attendance. The children also received lollipops from the Lions and Leo helpers from the Avon Grove High School Leo Club. The Leos helped with games for the children.



Pictured right are Leos Angelina McGrath, Abby Coe (as the lion) and Michele Wassil.

Contributed by Lion Barry Marteny



The **Lakemont Lions Club, 14-L**, provided sixty cookie packages in thanks to the **Altoona Police Department** officers for their community service and for being Altoona's Heroes.

*Pictured are **Lion Connie Harter, Sgt. Hand, Lion Susan Edwards, Patrolman Detwiler and Lion Pete Harter.***

Contributed by **PID Larry Edwards**

The **Butler Lions Club, 14-N**, hosted a social, dinner and bingo evening for the clients of the Blind Association of Butler and Armstrong. Potter Baseball volunteered to help and be a part of this special event. Everyone enjoyed a special night serving the people of our community. Proceeds of a raffle benefited the Blind Association.

Contributed by **Lion Connie Ivill**



Throughout the school year, the **Red Lion Lions Club, 14-C**, recognizes a student of the month from the Red Lion Area Senior High School.

They also present two \$1,000 scholarship awards to aid deserving students to further their education. Applications are judged on the basis of need, character, scholastic achievement, activities and service to their school and community.

Christopher Danner is shown receiving one of the scholarships.

*Pictured are **John H. Fishel**, co-chairperson of the Education Committee, **Christopher Danner**, and Lion School District Superintendent **Dr. Scott Deisley**.*

Both articles on this page contributed by **Lion Don Dippner**



Makenzie Zagroba was chosen by the Red Lion Lions Club to receive one of the \$1,000 scholarship awards given by the Club.

*Pictured are **John H. Fishel**, co-chairperson of the Education Committee and **Makenzie Zagroba**.*



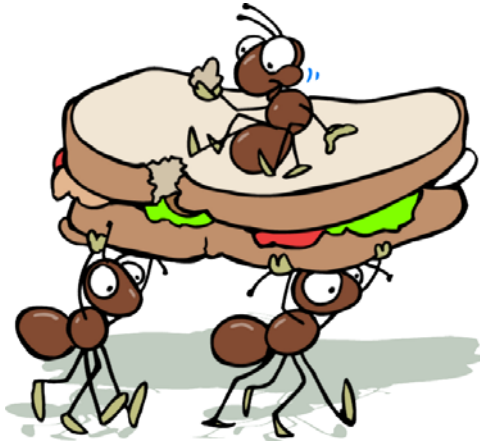


The **New Freedom Lions Club, 14-C**, members jumped into action when a local resident needed a wheelchair ramp built at their home before they could return home from the hospital. Under the expert leadership of carpenter **Lion Dennis McAvoy**, the team constructed the ramp in less than a day. **President Patti Wurzbacher** and **Lions Wayne Wurzbacher** and **Neil Taylor** also volunteered their time to this Lions' community service project.

*Shown above are **Lions Patti Wurzbacher** and **Dennis McAvoy**. Below are **Lions Neil Taylor** and **Wayne Wurzbacher**.*

Contributed by **PDG Kerry McKnight**





Avon Grove Lions, 14-P, held their annual new year kickoff picnic in August. Great food and a good time were had by all.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



Adams Township Area Lions Club



The Adams Township Area Lions Club, 14-J, hosted their sixth annual Touch-the-Truck Night, ending with a spectacular fireworks display. This is a free community event that the club sponsors, held at Berwind Wayside Festival Park in the community of St. Michael.

Each child received a bag of freshly made popcorn, a drink pouch, gummies and a chance on a gift basket of school supplies.



Lion Lori and DQ Galen George



Vehicles represented were from Adams Township #2 Volunteer Fire Department, Forest Hills Area Ambulance, Shaffer Tree Service bucket truck, Pro Disposal, Krestar Trucking, Adams Township police, Adams Township dump truck, other dump trucks, a large wrecker and two farm tractors.



Contributed by **Lion Sue Houston**



Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P, donated hospital beds to Project Cure from their Hospital Equipment Loaner Program.

Pictured are Lions Dave Priebe, John Dykins, Bob Yeatman, Eric Hansen, representative from Project Cure, Lions John Conner and Fran Thomson, club president.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**



District Governor Chrissy Smaltz is shown inducting the newest member, John Conner, of the Avon Grove Lions Club, 14-P. Also shown is Lion John's sponsor Lion Denis Byrne.

Contributed by **Lion Barry Marteny**

NO LIQUOR IN RAFFLES!

Liquor not permitted in basket raffles

Please be aware: A popular staple in basket raffles is a “no-no.”



After researching the matter with the Executive Director of the PA House of Representatives' Liquor Committee and the PA Liquor Control Board, MD-14 legal counsel Lion Ashley Grimm reported that “liquor is not permitted to be in a basket for purposes of a raffle. This also includes silent auctions.

“This equates to selling liquor without a license,” Lion Grimm said. “A wine and spirits gift card is permitted to be included in a raffle basket, though.”

Lion Grimm’s research supported the opinion expressed by Lawrence County Treasurer Richard Rapone in a recent New Castle News story that had prompted MD-14 State Council Chair Bill Morgan to contact Lion Grimm.

As part of the News story, Capt. Jamie Jones of the LCB Enforcement Bureau said including any type of alcoholic beverage – be it a six pack of beer, a bottle of wine, a bottle of whiskey or the like – is a violation of the Pennsylvania Liquor Code, Title 47, and is an unclassified misdemeanor offense. The fine upon conviction is \$500, levied to the organization sponsoring the fundraiser and not the donor of the basket.

In the News story, Rapone pointed out, under the state’s small games of chance law, it is illegal to host basket raffles at fundraising dinners used to benefit someone who is sick.



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