

DISTRICT 14-L NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2026



A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVE FLURIE

Greetings Lions in 14-L,

Congratulations to the Breezewood Lions for adding 10 new members, with special thanks to Lion Tammie Payne for her fantastic recruitment efforts. Three of our district clubs have each gained 7 or more new members, what an accomplishment! I highly recommend all our clubs using the "membership blitz" should tailor the program and consider social events like an ice cream social or pizza party. Club members are encouraged to invite non-Lions who may be interested in joining, as this strategy worked well for other clubs. A reminder to the 3 clubs with your new members to report them to LCI on the portal.

Last week at Prime Sirloin, 20 Lions attended our Spring Rally. PDG Dan, VDG Hunter, and I presented the membership blitz, followed by a discussion on how clubs can benefit from it.

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Upcoming Events

- April 12th - Easter Egg Hunts - Saltillo @10AM,
Forbes Road @11AM
Swiss Steak Dinner-Woodcock Valley @12
- April 11th - District Convention @ Juniata Valley HS
- April 25th - Huntingdon Mayfest Membership Booth
- May 15-17th - State Convention - Indiana, PA
- May 21-24 - Three Springs Carnival
- July 19th - PA Lions Appreciation Day @ Beacon Lodge
- July 26th - Popeye Fleck memorial Fishing Derby @ BLC

DISASTER RELIEF

Please consider making a donation to the District 14-L Disaster Fund this year. "We Serve" is more than our motto—it is our mission. The Disaster Fund is one of the ways our district comes together to support individuals and families during times of crisis. Club and individual donations are sincerely appreciated and make a meaningful impact.

About the Fund

- A District 14-L supported initiative
- Provides matching funds up to \$200.00
- Assists with emergencies such as fires, medical needs, and other crises
- Helps ensure timely support when it is needed most

Additional support can make a significant difference for those facing unexpected hardships. Help keep the District 14-L Disaster Fund financially strong and available for future needs.

MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING
OCTOBER 4-12, 2025

HUNGER
January 3-11, 2026

ENVIRONMENT
APRIL 18-26, 2026

Please have clubs/districts plan accordingly.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR MESSAGE CONTINUED

At least three clubs have seen results already, and I recommend that all those clubs serious about gaining new Lions try this approach to recruit new members. While bringing in new members is challenging, it's achievable. Retaining your new members is up to the club by giving them proper Lions orientation, mentorship, giving them tasks they excel at and giving them recognition when they make a difference.

District 14-L Convention Details

The District 14-L Convention is approaching fast and will take place on Saturday, April 11th at Juniata Valley High School. All registered members are invited to join us for a day filled with engaging activities and fellowship. Start your morning with coffee and donuts at 9:00 AM, providing a relaxing start and a chance to connect with fellow Lions. Four informative seminars will be offered in the morning and early afternoon: **Leader Dog Presentation**: Learn about the Leader Dog program with William Bowers and his leader dog Brody, highlighting the impact of service animals. **Childhood Cancer Speaker**: Speaker Hannah Woodward from Four Diamonds, Gain insight into the challenges faced by children with cancer and how Lions can help. **Lions Ethics Seminar**: PID Steve Glass will discuss the ethical principles that guide our organization and its members.

Membership Blitz Program: Our own district Lion, Terry Stacey, will present Lakemont's original "Membership Blitz" program, sharing strategies for club growth and member engagement. All attendees are encouraged to participate in at least one or more of these outstanding seminars. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn, connect, and be inspired by the work and dedication of Lions across the district. Other events include:

- ☒ Lunch with a performance by Elva Hurst (Chalk Talk Lady)
- ☒ 50/50 drawing
- ☒ Basket raffle
- ☒ Convention raffle
- ☒ Vote for next DG
- ☒ Necrology service

We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming convention.

Our Club Strength is Lions Strength
Come Serve with Us

Yours in Lionism,
DG Dave Florie



**740 Lions in
District 14-L
YTD -20**

OFFICER NOMINATIONS!!

Please do not forget to report your club officers for the 2026-2027 Lions year! President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership/LCIF/Service Chairpersons, and Club Administrators. Please have your officers in the Portal by June so we can get everything set for the upcoming year! Questions? Let us know!

WELCOME NEW LIONS

Cove

Eddie Patterson

Codie Rodland

Forbes Road

Josephine Wargo

Lakemont

Jeffrey Speck

McVeytown

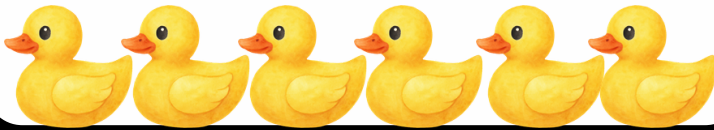
John Kauffman



BEACON LODGE DUCK RACE TICKETS

With PA Lions Appreciation Day coming up on July 19th, we have tickets available for \$5 each! 6 prizes with the grand prize of \$1000. All benefits camp maintenance. Contact Denny Hall for yours!

cuzslab@verizon.net



DISTRICT OUTREACH DUES!

The district outreach invoices were sent out with the January newsletter to all club secretaries. The second half of the year is \$10 per member according to your January 1st member count. Please send in by March 31st.

Cause

Fraction

LCIF General	\$1.25
LCIF Global Causes (Env/Diabetes/Hunger)	\$0.75
Lions of PA Foundation	\$0.65
PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp	\$2.15
PA Sight Conservation and Eye Research	\$0.65
PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation	\$0.65
Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation	\$1.00
Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation	\$0.30
Leader Dog for the Blind	\$0.75
PA Lions for Guide Dogs	\$0.15
Disaster Fund	\$1.10
Pediatric Cancer/ Four Diamonds	\$0.75
Youth Outreach	\$0.75
Convention Fund	\$1.75
Leadership & Membership Development	\$1.15
District Newsletter	\$0.70
Admin	\$3.00
First Vice DG Expenses	\$1.00
Second Vice DG Expenses	\$0.50
District Camera Fund	\$0.50
PA Care for Kids	\$0.50
Total Contribution per Member	\$20.00

DISTRICT CONVENTION!!

Mark your Lions Calendar for the District 14-L convention.

April 11, 2026 at the Juniata Valley high school at Alexandria, PA.

9:00AM opening & welcome, followed by seminars for your information, then lunch, with a chalk art demonstration. Then more seminars in the afternoon, basket raffles, voting, the evening dinner with a creative speaker, and our DG David's presentations.

Be there to celebrate this year's convention.



LEAD TO SERVE - SERVE TO LEAD

From the very beginning, Lions have welcomed everyone with a heart to serve – and that spirit shines especially bright when we engage younger generations. Young people bring fresh ideas, new energy and a passion for service that help keep our organization strong, relevant and growing. To carry our mission into the next 100 years and beyond, we must continue inviting dynamic, service-minded people to stand alongside us. Lions have a unique opportunity to grow alongside Leos through meaningful mentoring – including reverse mentoring, where young people inspire us with fresh ideas, new technologies like AI and service that speaks to their generation. By strengthening the journey from Alpha Leo to Omega Leo to Leo-Lion, and by building more family-friendly clubs, we open the door for younger neighbors, friends and families to join us in a lifetime of service.

The future of Lions is not ahead of us – it is already here, in the hands of the young. Together, across generations, we can continue to serve our communities – and the world – with purpose, compassion and love.

**Together we serve,
A.P. Singh
International President**



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Allenport - held a soup sale, and a chicken & waffle sale.

Blairs Mills - Donated \$200 to a family for a house fire, Donated \$200 to a 4 year old boy being treated for multiple brain tumors, held a Blood Drive on March 19th, and held a March of Dimes Dance on March 21st.

Everett - Donated money towards trout stocking in local stream for youth, hosted free pancake breakfast for the community,

Forbes Road - Donated a basket to the District Convention basket raffle, donated \$100 to the Fairview Cemetery Association, \$50 to the Forbes Road Food Pantry, \$100 to the McConnellsburg All Sports Association, \$150 to the Hometown Hero Banner, & \$500 to Camp Cadet.

Lakemont - Delivered food to elderly, donated basket to Keystone Family Alliance fundraiser, hosted annual Spelling bee, donated \$250 to Central PA Food Bank, participated in the Blair County Mountain Lion Backpack program,

Stone Creek Valley - Held their monthly Hootenanny

Breezewood - Hosted annual health fair and basket bingo bringing in 10 new members!

How your international dues are used

US\$50 utilization based on two-year average of fiscal year 2023 & 2024.



INFORMATION!!

Check out our website, palions14l.org, where we are updating it as information comes in! You can always email us at info@palions14l.org also!

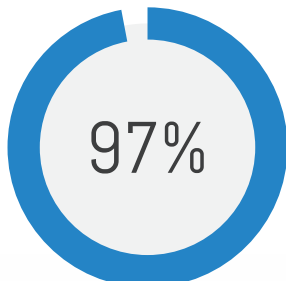
YEARLY DUES

International - \$50
State - \$16
District - \$20

CLUB ADDRESSES!

If any club officer would prefer mail to go to your club mail/PO box please email us or update your officer contact information through the portal. Some clubs are receiving no invoices or newsletters so this will help alleviate that somewhat.

CLUBS IN THE DISTRICT REPORTING SERVICE!



District Service Tally

40,832 People Served YTD
3,381.25 Volunteer Hours YTD
\$79,383.69 Funds Donated YTD
\$129,382.76 Funds Donated YTD

PUT A BANNER AT BEACON LODGE

For the low cost of \$100.00, your Lions Club can be represented by a banner at PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp during the 2026 Camping Season. \$100 will purchase a 2.5-foot by 4-foot vinyl banner. This banner will be put in place at the camp during work weekend in April or May and will remain up during the camping season.

Each additional year your club wants the banner in place will only cost \$50.00 per year. If your club is interested, send your checks made out to Beacon Lodge Camp



POPEYE FLECK

Mark your calendars for this year's Popeye Fleck Memorial Fishing Derby held at the Beacon Lodge! The derby will be held on Sunday, July 26th! Volunteers are encouraged to come at 1PM, with reels being cast at 2PM. Volunteer clearances needed ahead of time. We hope you will be able to support this amazing event!

103RD PA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

District 14-L Lions — Save the Date!

103rd ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA LIONS CLUBS
STATE CONVENTION

Thursday, May 14 – Sunday, May 17, 2026
Kovalchick Convention & Athletic Complex
711 Pratt Drive, Indiana, PA 15705

If you've never attended a State Convention, this is a great opportunity! It's close to home, full of learning and fellowship, and a wonderful way to see Lionism at work beyond your club. Consider carpooling with fellow club members or even teaming up with another club — it's a fun way to travel and makes attending even easier.

Registration forms will be available in the February newsletter, and your Zone Chairs have also emailed out convention information to help you plan ahead. Registration forms can be downloaded on palions.org, or by contacting us!

We hope to see strong District 14-L representation — let's show our Lion pride!



PA Lions... "START YOUR ENGINES".....

The 90 day race to the finish is underway!

District Governors.....

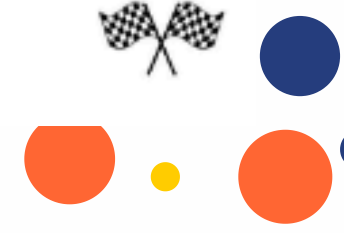
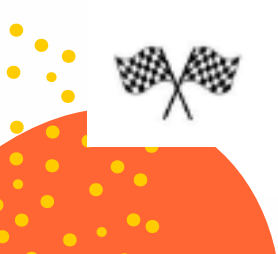


For every new member a club in your District enters into the portal during the months of April, May, and June 2026, you will get one lap around the MD-14 Track. The club in each zone with the most new members, during this period, in a district by the end of June will receive a banner patch; the Zone Chair of the winning zone will win a Mission 1.5 Growth Pin. The District with the most laps on June 30th wins the race!

Banner patches, awards, and bragging rights await you in Victory Lane!



And we are off.....





103rd ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA LIONS CLUBS STATE CONVENTION
 Thursday May 14 through Sunday May 17, 2026
 Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex, 711 Pratt Drive, Indiana, PA 15705

REGISTRATION (complete one form per attendee)

Return form by: April 21, 2026

Name (Last Name, First Name) _____ Sub-District _____
 Circle Membership: Lion Leo Guest Title: ID PIP PID DG VDG PDG CC PCC

Address _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Club Name _____ Spouse/Partner/Guest _____
 First State Convention: Yes No (circle) Years as a Lion/Leo _____
 Special considerations: Dietary Hearing Vision Physical Challenges (circle) _____
 Notations: _____

Convention Registration Fee \$15 per attendee (no fee for Leo but must register) \$ _____
State Convention Pin @ \$5 per pin \$ _____

Meal Reservations

Friday Luncheon * \$25 per person Various sandwiches, side salads, chips, pickles, \$ _____
 assorted cookies and beverages

PA Counselors/District Governors Honor Banquet – Friday * \$35 per person \$ _____
 Plated meals with garden salad, roasted fingerling potatoes and garden vegetable medley,
 Layered Mouse Martini dessert
 Entrée choice check one: _____ Asiago Crusted Chicken with Red Pepper Sauce
 _____ Garlic & Herb Roasted Pork Loin
 _____ Garlic Vegetable Lasagna Roll-up w/creamy garlic sauce

Saturday Luncheon * \$25 per person Deli meats, side salads, bread/rolls, assorted cookies \$ _____
 and beverages

Saturday international Banquet *35 per person \$ _____
 Plated meals with garden salad, mashed potatoes and hand tured carrots, NY style cheesecake
 Entrée choice check one: _____ Roast Beef
 _____ Slice Turkey
 _____ Arancini -Italian Rice Ball w/ San Marzano tomato, parmesan & basil

Melvin Jones Fellow / Key Member Breakfast Sunday * \$20 per person \$ _____
 Breakfast buffet with pastries, potatoes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, juices.

EXTRA EVENTS

Friday morning tour to the Jimmy Stewart Museum \$10 per person \$ _____

Saturday afternoon "Wine Tasting Event" \$25 per person \$ _____

Total amount enclosed (payable to: PA LIONS DISTRICT 14M STATE CONVENTION) \$ _____

Send to: Dan Swincinski, PA Lions Convention, 246 Rock Cut Road, Central City, Pa 15926
 814-244-9210 email: palionsconvention2026@gmail.com

GRANT POSSIBILITIES

North Eastern PA Lions Service Foundation (NEPLSF) neplsf.org - The Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation (NEPLSF) helps individuals by funding services, education, and programs that assist members of the disabilities community, with a priority to those with visual and hearing impairments.

Lions of PA Foundation (LOPF) lionsofpafoundation.org - The Lions of PA Foundation is a Pennsylvania-focused organization that helps find and gather the financial and social resources to provide vision aid and hearing aid to local people, fund community projects, and serve the local PA communities, all while serving as a way to donate to local Lions Clubs while still getting to deduct that from your taxes! We serve Pennsylvania's local and community needs by providing finances and resources they require, as well as supporting organizations and projects statewide. We have a strong drive for our mission and dedicated members to this cause. If you wish to join in helping PA locals, read about us and apply for a fellowship on this site.

Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation wpalhf.org - The current mission of the Foundation is to purchase auditory devices, especially hearing aids for individuals with significant hearing impairment who would benefit from this technology and who meet certain criteria of the program. We also support charitable programs related to hearing treatment and education.

Lion Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) lionsclubs.org/lcif-grants-toolkit

- Childhood Cancer Grant \$10,000-150,000**
- Diabetes Grants - Districts \$10,000-150,000**
- Disaster Relief: Emergency Grants \$5,000-10,000**
- Disaster Relief: Preparedness Grants \$5,000-15,000**
- District & Club Community Impact Grants**
- Hunger Grants \$10,000-150,000**
- Matching Grants \$10,000-150,000**
- Vision Grants \$10,000-300,000**
- Leo Service Pilot Grant Program \$1,500-5,000**

Contact Constitutional Area I - United States || USAGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org

