

District 14-L Newsletter

June- Vol. 12

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A Message from District Governor Gary...

Hello Fellow Lions of 14L!

It's June.....according to the calendar anyhow. If you walk outside it seems the weather has gotten stuck in early April! It seems we only have two season's anymore, winter and summer with spring and fall seeming to become nothing more than a distant memory. Something that was here once but is now gone.



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WELCOME NEW LIONS!!

Cove

Barbara Henry

Kelly Henry

Forbes Road

Jenifer Clippinger

Hyndman Londonderry

George Rowley

Orbisonia

Jayne Piper



**770 Lions in
District 14-L
-43 YTD**

Much like the change of the seasons, another Lions year is coming to a close and with that I will soon be gone as well. Gone as District Governor to take the role of PDG, Past District Governor. Lions use acronyms well and a few others come to mind with PDG such as Power Done Gone or Permanent Dinner Guest. I kind of like Permanent Dinner Guest the best and would welcome any invitations to visit any club willing to have me sit in for a meeting and collect a nice meal! Regretfully I didn't get out to meet with clubs like I should have this year. Perhaps next year I will tag along with DG Dave and visit with some I missed as that is still one of my favorite perks of being District Governor, meeting with the Lions of 14L

My wife's illness this past year certainly changed my plans but I am confident that those Lions who knew were praying for her recovery and I'm happy to report she is progressing wonderfully! Still not back to 100% due to some complications but doing better each and every day! For those of you who kept her in your prayers I am eternally grateful! I am also grateful for your support and patience throughout my year as DG. In reflection of the past 4 or 5 years I've spent serving at the District level there is one thing I am continually reminded of and that is a definition of Lions I used a few years back. Lions are Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service. You all give and expect nothing in return and it makes me proud to be a small part of what Lions do all over the 5 counties that make up our District, all over the United States and all over the World!

I am proud and honored to be turning over the reins if you will to District Governor Elect Dave Flurie. DGE Dave has been working very hard to build the inner structure required to grow our District to one of service and pride but he needs every Lions help! We need all Lions of 14L to support him in his efforts, come out to District functions and work with him to fill roles in the District Cabinet and help bring new Lions into clubs to serve. You know, I'll bet each and every one of us know 1 person who would benefit from being a Lion, we just need to invite them to join! I saw a flyer today containing 8 reasons to become a Lion, 1) We serve our Community, 2) We make new friends with a common purpose, 3) Being a Lion is a rewarding experience, 4) World Class training and opportunities to grow, 5) We develop young leaders 6) You can share your talents 7) Together we can do more and 8) We are the largest service organization in the World!

I can honestly say that I have personally experienced each and every one of these 8 reasons, I would wager that each and every Lion in the District has experienced the same and if we just share that with others our membership can't help but grow! With that said, in closing as your District Governor I challenge every Lion in our District to bring 1 new member into your club in the next Lions year! Let's get back to where we once were!

Make Your Mark,

DG Gary

Lion Dave Flurie, 1st VDG, District 14-L



Greetings fellow Lions in 14-L,

As we approach our new Lions year beginning July 1 st I have contacted most of our clubs to schedule club visitations. Thankfully, many clubs have confirmed visitation dates and sent District directory advertisement checks to help defray the cost of the directory publication, however those who have not are encouraged to do so prior to July 1 st so the dates can be published in the new 2025 -2026 District directory. In addition, any clubs that have not reported their newly elected officers to LCI and the district please do so as soon as possible as the new officers will be published in the 2025 – 2026 directory.

Our district cabinet is slowly coming together as 2 Lions have accepted positions in our Global Action Team (GAT) as Global Membership Team Coordinator (GMT) and Global Service Team Coordinator (GST). As mentioned in previous newsletter messages we still need to fill 2 Zone Chairperson positions. I want to encourage some outstanding dedicated Lions in our district to consider serving as Zone Chair to work with and help clubs rebuild with growth in membership and service.

On another topic, my club is in the process of applying for a \$2,000 matching grant from the Northeast PA Lions foundation. Our club pledged a total of \$4,000 over the next 3 years to a local EMS company for a new state-of-the-art lifesaving unit. The grant application process is simple and straightforward and will be approved for most “community needs” projects. I encourage all clubs to consider applying for community service project grants from the following two sources:

Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation
Website: nepalsf.org

Lions Of Pennsylvania Foundation
Website: lionsofpafoundation.org

I look forward to meeting with all the clubs in our district and hearing stories about how each of your efforts touched your respective communities in the spirit of Lionism. Ask a friend, relative, neighbor or coworker to join your clubs.

Yours in Lionism,

Dave Flurie

Pa Lions Appreciation Day

July 20, 2025



Beacon Lodge has designated July 20th as Pennsylvania Lions Appreciation Day. This is a day to not only recognize Immediate Past Governors and District Liaisons, but also ALL Lions, Lionesses, and Leos for their outstanding support of Beacon Lodge! Join us for a relaxing day getting to know your camp.

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| ♦ Name That Tune | ♦ 50/50 Raffle |
| ♦ Corn Hole | ♦ Camp Store |
| ♦ Blind Bowling | ♦ Basket Raffle |
| ♦ Mini Golf | ♦ Pin Traders |
| ♦ Fishing | ♦ Worship Service |
| ♦ The Great Duck Race | ♦ Camp Tours |

You are most cordially invited to bring your families to Beacon Lodge for this occasion.

A picnic meal will be prepared and served from 11:30am until 12:30pm. Cost is \$10 per person.

Reservations are required and must be received by June 30, 2025. To purchase tickets, please make check payable to Beacon Lodge with PLAD on the memo line.

Mail to:

Pa Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

114 State Route 103 South Mount Union, Pa 17066

When: July 20, 2025

Starting at 9:00am:

- ♦ Camp Store
- ♦ 50/50 Raffle Tickets
- ♦ Basket Raffle

9:00—11:00 Mini Golf

10:00—11:00 Worship Service

11:00—1:30 Pin Traders

11:30 Introduction of IPDG's/
Invocation / Lunch

12:30 The Great Duck Race

1:30 Camper Entertainment

12:30—2:00 Camp Tours

12:30—2:30 Afternoon Activities

3:00 Announcements/ Winners

3:30 End of the day / Benediction

Pin traders are invited!

Clubs planning to attend by bus are urged to give us ample notice so that we may have adequate parking arrangements.

Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

114 State Route 103 South
Mount Union, Pa 17066

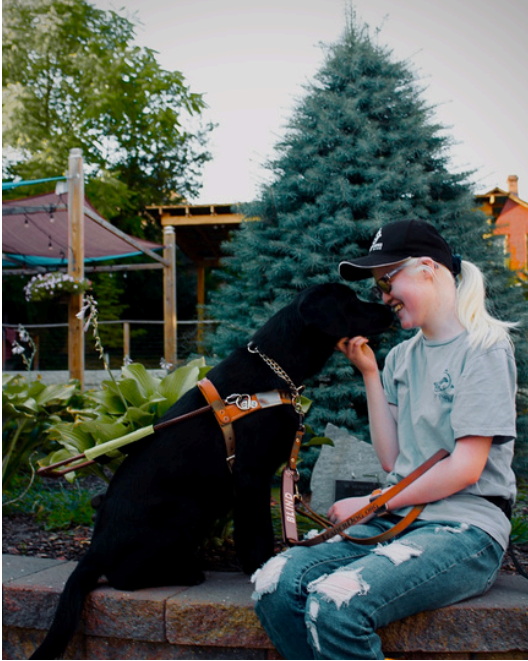
(814) 542-2511

Office@BeaconLodge.org



Upcoming District Governor Visits

Schedule your club visit by emailing
DG Gary @ gshetter@gmail.com



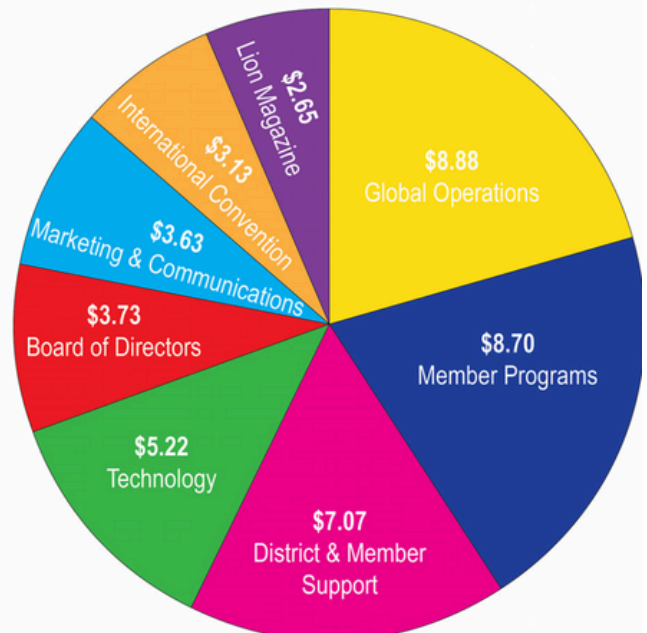
Interested in having a speaker come to your club to talk to you about Leader Dog? This is Lion Phoebe with her Leader Dog Mia. She is very in meeting anyone who would like to hear about her journey. Send us an email to get a date scheduled.

palions14L@gmail.com

A year outdated by this shows you how our International Dues are used. Dues going up \$2 July 1, 2025. \$50 total.

Supporting the Association - How Your Dues Are Used

5-year average of how your US\$43 annual dues were used fiscal 2019-2023





DISTRICT 14-L PA LIONS
First Outreach Invoice, 24-25

August 7, 2024

Second Outreach Invoice 24-25

The annual District Governor's Outreach to District 14L Clubs is for \$20/year per club membership. That amount is invoiced twice during the Lion year in payments of \$10 per member.

Please remit the second payment of \$10 member per January 1, 2025, membership count payable to District 14-L to the District Treasurer by March 31, 2024

Lion Katlin McVey, District Treasurer
280 McVey Road
Mount Union, PA 17066

If you have any questions regarding DG Outreach, please contact District Treasurer Katlin McVey at 814-907-0435 or District Governor Gary Shetter at 814-494-1330. If you are not the one who commonly attends to bill payment, please give this invoice to that person. All my correspondence regarding Outreach is sent to club secretaries.

Please note on the back of this invoice is the breakdown of the Annual District Governor's Outreach Assessment showing the distribution of the funds for Lion Year 24-25.

Thank you in advance for your response to this request.

In Lionism,

**FINAL invoices
sent out May 12th**

Lion Katlin McVey, District Treasurer

District Governor
Outreach Breakdown
24-25

Cause	Fraction
PA lions Beacon Lodge Camp	\$2.00
District 14-L Administrative Expense	\$3.00
1st VDG Administrative Expenses	\$1.00
2nd VDG Administrative Expenses	\$1.00
Disaster Fund	\$1.00
Lions Club International Foundation	\$1.25
Leader Dog	\$0.75
PA Sight Conservation & Eye Research	\$0.65
PA Lions for Guide Dogs	\$0.15
PA Lions Hearing & Research Foundation	\$0.65
Lions of PA Foundation	\$0.65
NE PA Lions Service Foundation	\$1.00
District Newsletter	\$0.50
District 14-L Convention Fund	\$2.25
District Leadership & Membership Development	\$1.00
LCIF Global Causes(Env/Hunger/Diabetes)	\$0.60
District Youth Outreach	\$0.50
Western PA Lions Hearing Foundation	\$0.40
4 Diamonds Childhood Cancer	\$0.65
District Camera Fund	\$0.50
PA Care for Kids	\$0.50
Total Club Contribution/Member/Year	\$20.00

Election and Reporting of Club Officers

Your club nominations meeting is held in March, with your club members voting on the new officers in April.

After the election, your Secretary should then enter all officers for the next term (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) in The Portal, or to the District Administrator prior to May 15, 2021. All officers, whether remaining in a position or newly elected, need to be entered in. This ensures that the new or existing club officers will start receiving information valuable to their position or their club on July 1, 2021 – the start of the new Lions year.

Without this step your club will show that it hasn't designated officers for the upcoming year.

Clubs are encouraged to review the LCI Standard Club Constitution and By-Laws. This document provides your Lions Club guidance on the Nominations and Elections, Duties of Officers and your Board of Directors. There is a special webpage created for each of the positions below to make it easier to get to the resources that will help you be successful in your unique club leadership position. Share these webpages with your club officers.

- Club President / First Vice President
 - Club Secretary • Club Treasurer
 - Club Membership Chairperson
 - Club Service Chairperson
- Club Marketing Communications Chairperson
 - Club LCIF Coordinator
 - Club Administrator

The Lions Learning Center (LLC) offers all Lions and Leos, including club officers the opportunity to learn and sharpen their knowledge of Lions fundamentals and leadership skills through online interactive courses.

Access the LLC from the "Learn" application using your Lion account login and password. Click here for Lions Learning Center: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/learn>

Thank you to the following clubs for already reporting!

Please report officers thru the Lions Portal and email a list to info@palions14l.org please!

Allenport
Breezewood
Burnham
Chief Logan
Cove
Forbes Road
Hyndman Londonderry
Juniata Valley
Mill Creek
Milroy
Newry
Orbisonia
Roaring Spring
Stone Creek Valley
Trough Creek Valley
Williamsburg

Recognizing individual generosity

At LCIF, we deeply value the incredible generosity of our individual donors. To honor your commitment and support, we are thrilled to introduce the Presidential LCIF Supporter program. This initiative aims to recognize and celebrate individuals who have contributed with heart and soul, making a significant impact on our mission.

By participating in the annual program, you become an integral part of our honored supporters. Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) credits will be earned based on the one-time donation amount you provide. Your generosity not only earns you well-deserved recognition but also helps us make a lasting difference in the lives of those in need.

All Donors:

Bronze Pin - US\$50 to US\$99.99

Silver Pin - US\$100 to US\$199.99

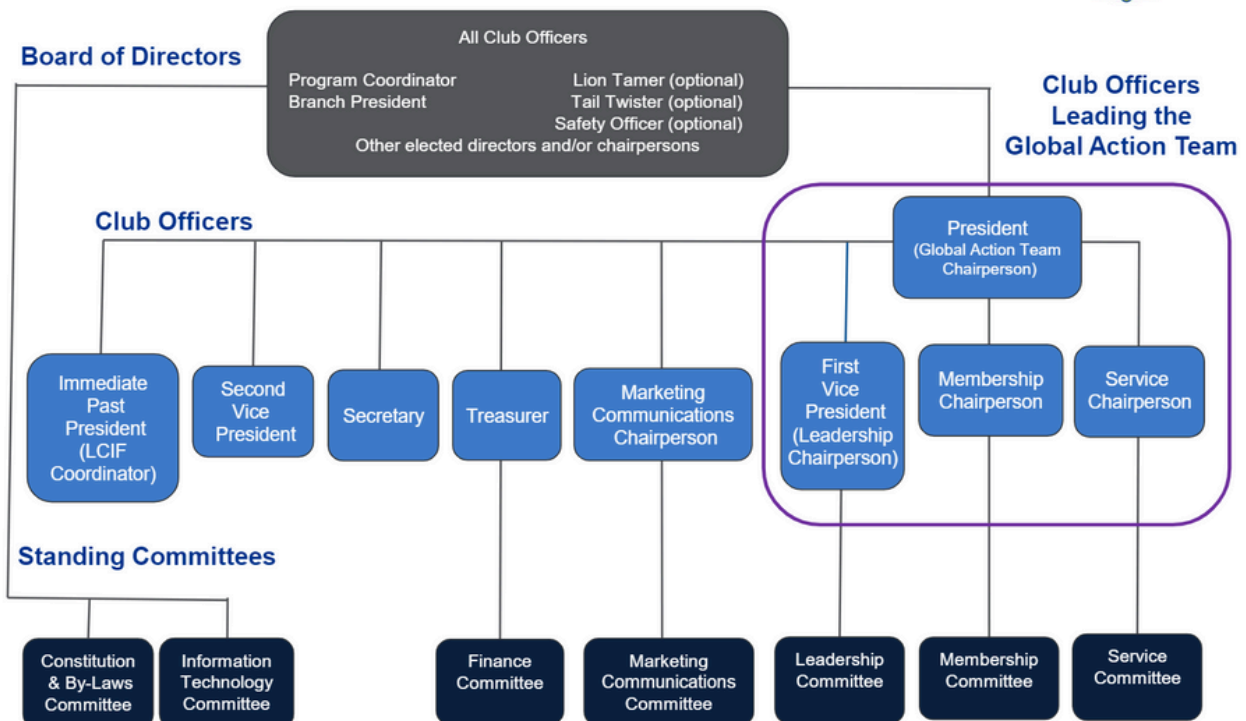
Gold Pin - US\$200 and above

Leo Members Only:

Leo-Presidential LCIF Supporter - Minimum donation of US\$20



Standard Club Structure



Lion Hunter "Radar" McVey
280 McVey Road
Mount Union, PA 17066
814-599-7316
lionhuntermcvey@gmail.com



Greetings all!

I am writing to inform you that this year's Popeye Fleck Memorial Fishing Derby is scheduled for June 29th at the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp ! The hooks will be thrown in promptly at 2 PM, but we ask any volunteers to be there by 1 PM to help set up everything. Last year we had 32 participants.

As always without your continued support we could not offer this derby to the campers at the Beacon Lodge, along with being able to stock the fish for every season. On average, each derby costs from \$2500-\$3000 to get all the supplies, food, and of course, the fish. Each year the fish alone cost just over \$1600. That's why your support is so crucial. Whether it is \$1, \$20, or \$100, you allow us to keep offering this annual event that the campers look forward to every year. All monetary donations can be sent to:

Lion Denny Hall
378 State Street
Mount Union, PA 17066

Please make all checks payable to:

Popeye Fleck Memorial Fishing Derby

We also are constantly needing volunteers the day of to help the campers cast rods, spot fish that caught their bait, and help reel them in. On average, on a slow year, we have 20 campers. This year we are projecting to have closer to 45 campers from both the Adult Camp and Children's Village. Now just like your local schools, Beacon Lodge also requires **ALL** volunteers to have clearances. I am sure you all understand. We ask all volunteers to visit the "**clearances**" tab on **dhs.pa.gov/keepkidssafe**. From there we only require your PA State Police, Childline, which are **FREE** for volunteers, and FBI Clearances. If you have lived in the same address for 10 years we have a waiver for your FBI clearances you can sign. These clearances are good for 5 year. All clearances are for the

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp, 114 State Route 103 South, Mount Union, PA 17066,
814-542-2511, office@beaconlodge.org

I hope you can be a part of this amazing annual outing. The joy on all the camper's faces will truly remind you why you are a Lion.



PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

“500 Club”



Dear Lions and Leos of District 14-L,

This is the time of year that we ask for your support of the **“Beacon Lodge 500 Club”**. This is an opportunity for each Lion and Leo to make a personal contribution to help with maintenance and repairs of Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge Camp.

The “500 Club” is based on a **\$5.00** donation per member per year.

The Lions and Leo Clubs in the state of Pennsylvania continue to embrace the Lions motto **“We Serve”**. We encourage all clubs to consider 100% participation in this important fundraiser.

We ask that you: 1. Make checks payable to: Beacon Lodge 500 Club

2. **Mail checks to:**

PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp
113 State Route 103 South
Mount Union, PA 17066

PLEASE WRITE “500 Club” IN MEMO LINE!!!

*UPON REQUEST, WE WILL BE PLEASED TO PRESENT A BEACON LODGE PROGRAM AT YOUR CLUB. *(Most of you are familiar with the camp, but new members need to be informed of the importance of this camp.)*

Once again, we thank the Lions and Leo Clubs of District 14-L for your continued support of **PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp**; helping make it one of the best special needs camps in America.

“We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.”

Sir Winston Churchill



PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

113 State Route 103 South

Mount Union, PA 17066

814-542-2511



Dear Lion Secretary or President,

As in the past, the Beacon Lodge Golf Outing is coming up in August. Again, we are asking your Lions Club to sponsor a hole. The cost is only \$100.00. Our District has a great reputation for their support of Beacon Lodge. PCC McCarl, PDG Kathy Duelley, and I want our district to be the first 100% contributor to this great project. That means that each club in the district will be the sponsor of a hole and the district also contributes. We unfortunately did not reach 100% last year. **This year let's make it 100%**

If your club sponsors a hole, there will be a placard on display at the hole and recognition at the banquet that evening. Let us show the rest of Pennsylvania how our District comes through when needed. I will also be calling in May to remind you of this much needed support. As you can see below, there are other sponsorship levels as well.

Make your checks out to: PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp and **include "Golf Outing" in the memo line!** and please consider adding this to your club's yearly budget.

Your Support as a Sponsor is crucial to the success of PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp.

Sponsor Levels

- **Diamond - \$10,000** Includes Naming Rights for the outing, Logo Branding on event website, Score Cards, and all pin flags; a 3' x 2' Diamond-shape Pavilion Sign, 4 paid Foursomes and 18"x12" Hole Sponsor Sign (At a tee or green).
- **Ruby - \$5000** Includes 3'x2' Ruby sign, 2 paid foursomes and an 18"x12" Hole Sponsor Sign (At a tee or green).
- **Platinum - \$2500** Includes 3'x2' Platinum sign, 2 paid foursomes and an 18"x12" Hole Sponsor Sign
- **Gold - \$1,500** Includes a 3'x2' Gold Sign, 1 paid Foursome and 18"x12" Hole Sponsor Sign.
- **Silver- \$1,000** Includes a 3'x2'Silver Sign, 1 paid Foursome and 18"x12" Hole Sponsor Sign.
- **Bronze - \$500** Includes a Bronze Sign and 18"x12" Hole Sponsor Sign.
- **Hole - \$100** includes an 18"x12" Hole Sponsor Sign.
- **Cart - \$50** Includes an 8.5"x11" sign on cart.





Wish List 2025 Name: _____ District: _____ Club Name: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

OFFICE SUPPLIES:

- ☐ Color Copier Paper
- ☐ White Copier paper
- ☐ 8x14 white paper
- ☐ Bright White Printer Paper
- ☐ Envelopes: #10
- ☐ Bubbled Envelopes 6x9, 8x11
- ☐ 3 prong Pocket Folders
- ☐ Banker Boxes
- ☐ Dry Erase Markers

KITCHEN:

- ☐ Plastic Cold Cups: 5 oz & 9 oz
- ☐ Hot Wax Coffee Cups: 9 & 10 oz
- ☐ Paper Plates: 9" or larger
- ☐ Napkins: dinner, picnic
- ☐ Original Dawn Dish Liquid
- ☐ White Bar/Dish Cloths
- ☐ Vinyl Kitchen Gloves (ALL sizes)

HOUSEKEEPING:

- ☐ Thick Paper Towels
- ☐ Clorox
- ☐ Disinfecting Spray Cleaner
- ☐ Disinfecting Floor Cleaners
- ☐ Disinfecting Wipes
- ☐ Magic Erasers
- ☐ White Vinegar
- ☐ 55-56 gal Trash Bags
- ☐ Toilet Plungers-heavy duty
- ☐ Toilet Brushes
- ☐ Zipper Vinyl Pillow Covers (standard)

- ☐ Zipper Vinyl Mattress Covers (twin)
- ☐ Long Twin Size Blankets - No Wool
- ☐ Industrial Wet Mop Heads
- ☐ Vinyl Disposable Gloves: M
- ☐ Extended Window Squeegee
- ☐ Floor Squeegee

MAINTENANCE:

- ☐ M, L, XL, XXL Black Nitrile Powder-Free Gloves
- ☐ LED Light Bulbs
- ☐ LED Flood Light Bulbs
- ☐ Duracell/Energizer/Rayovac Batteries: (AAA, AA, C, D, 9V)
- ☐ Packs of Roller Covers: LG & SM
- ☐ Foaming Bee/Wasp Killer
- ☐ Ant Spray
- ☐ Garden Hose Nozzles
- ☐ Microfiber Cloths
- ☐ Long Neck Lighters
- ☐ Paint Brushes: 2", 3", 4"

INFIRMARY:

- ☐ Baby Wipes
- ☐ Sunscreen - Spray
- ☐ Bug Spray (OFF, etc..)
- ☐ Bactine Spray
- ☐ Lanacane Spray
- ☐ Benadryl Spray
- ☐ Liquid Benadryl for children
- ☐ Calamine Lotion
- ☐ Hydrocortisone Cream

- ☐ Tylenol: adult & children
- ☐ Ibuprofen: adult & children
- ☐ Imodium
- ☐ Saline Eye Drops
- ☐ Exam Gloves: all sizes, latex-free
- ☐ Single Use Lancets
- ☐ Graduated Liquid Medicine

- Dispenser Cups
- ☐ First Aid Kits

ACTIVITIES:

- ☐ Craft Jewelry
- ☐ Craft Beads, String
- ☐ Colored Paper
- ☐ Elmer's Glue Sticks
- ☐ Bingo Prizes
- ☐ Stress Balls
- ☐ Weighted Stuffed Animals
- ☐ Twine
- ☐ Tie Dye
- ☐ White T-Shirts: Med, Lg, XL, 2XL
- ☐ White Socks: All Sizes Kids & Adult
- ☐ Smart Scissors & Skills Workbook
- ☐ Craft Kits for Children and Adults
- ☐ Crayons/Markers/Pencils
- ☐ Suncatchers
- ☐ Small Paint Kits and Brushes
- ☐ Play Doh
- ☐ Small Totes with lid

Please visit BeaconLodge.org/wishlist for updated items and our Amazon department Wish Lists.



LIONS INTERNATIONAL

PEACE POSTER

2025-2026

Together As One

LIONS INTERNATIONAL
PEACE POSTER CONTEST
Official Club Contest Guide & Rules

YOUR OFFICIAL PEACE POSTER KIT

This kit contains everything your club needs to sponsor one contest at a school or organized, sponsored youth group.

- **Official Club Contest Guide & Rules (PPC-1)**
- **Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules* (PPC-2)**
- **Participant Flyer* (PPC-3)** for your club to fill in the blanks, duplicate and give to each participating student to take home
- **Winner Sticker (PPC-4)** for your club to complete and place on back of the winning poster
- **Achievement Award (PPC-5)** and **Certificate of Appreciation (PPC-6)** for contest winner and sponsored school or youth group

***Please provide only the Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules (PPC-2) and the Participant Flyer (PPC-3) to your club's contact at the participating school or youth group. The club retains all other items in the kit.**

Now you're ready to get started. Have fun, and good luck!

Together As One

Thank you for sponsoring the Lions International Peace Poster Contest! This contest is a wonderful opportunity for your club to work with youth in your community to promote peace, tolerance and international understanding. It encourages young people, ages 11 to 13, to think about peace, creatively express what it means to them and share their unique visions with the world.

6 EASY STEPS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONTEST

1. Connect with Your School or Youth Group

Get in touch with an area school or organized, sponsored youth group early to allow enough time for planning. Once you have confirmed their participation:

- Provide the school or youth group contact with the **Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules**. Add your Peace Poster Contest chairperson's name and phone number in the spaces provided.
- Let the school and/or youth group contact know that you and your club are there to help!

Expand your contest! Involve your club members in identifying schools and youth groups to participate in the contest. Your club can sponsor more than one school or youth group—or multiple contests within the same school or youth group (i.e., one per grade level)—**but a Peace Poster Contest kit must be purchased for each contest sponsored.**

To place your order for Peace Poster Contest Kits, visit the Lions Shop at shop.lionsclubs.org and Search "Peace Poster Kit." The price is \$11.95 USD each. Kits are available from January 15 to October 1.

Digital Download - Peace Poster Contest Kit (PPK1D). Save on shipping fees and receive immediate access to all kit components via email.

If you want to purchase a physical kit, please select the Peace Poster Kit (PPK1) from the Shop. **Shipping charges will be applied**

2. Notify Your District Governor of Your Club's Participation

Email or call your club's district governor immediately to let them know that your club is participating in the contest. Be sure to confirm the deadline dates and when the district judging will be held.

3. Arrange Contest Judging

Discuss how the judging will be handled with your school or youth group contact. Work together to identify an individual, such as the school principal, youth group leader, local artist, club representative or a panel of judges to select one winning poster for each contest sponsored by your club.

Judges are asked to evaluate posters on three criteria: **originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme, "Together As One."**

Posters selected to advance to the next level of judging must meet all the requirements as outlined in the Contest Rules & Conditions. **Posters not meeting these specifications will be disqualified.**

4. Advance Your Club's Winning Poster to the Next Level of Judging

After the winning poster is selected, forward it on to the next level of judging. If your club has sponsored multiple contests, you need to advance one winning poster for each contest (per kit purchased).

- Complete sections I and II on the **Winner Sticker (PPC-4)**. *(Section I includes a signature line for parent or guardian consent.)* Affix the sticker to the back, lower right-hand corner of the poster. **Posters without the completed Winner Stickers will be disqualified.** Reproductions of the sticker are not permitted.

• **DIGITAL KIT DOWNLOAD ONLY:** In the email confirmation you have received, you will find a **unique license key**, per kit purchased. Please retain this information to include on the Winner Sticker (PPC-4) under the field "**License Key**". Print this sticker and affix it to the back, lower right-hand corner of the poster. **Posters without the completed Winner Sticker will be disqualified.**

- Take a photo of the winning poster for your club's publicity purposes, as well as to have a record of the student's artwork.
- To ensure that the poster arrives at the next level of judging in good condition, roll it and send it in a mailing tube. **Do not fold the poster.**
- Lions International Headquarters does not reimburse clubs for the cost of postage or shipping.
- Send the poster to your district governor for district judging. Entries must be postmarked on or before November 15, 2025. (If your club is not districted, forward the poster to Brand & Creative at International Headquarters by December 1, 2025.) Use express mail service when possible.
- Follow up with your district governor to make sure they received your club's poster. Winning entries submitted after the due date will be disqualified.



PEACE ESSAY

2025-2026

Together As One

Your club can sponsor visually-impaired students in the Lions International Essay Contest!

The contest is open to students who are considered visually impaired according to their national guidelines, and will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on November 15, 2025. Eligible birthdates are November 16, 2011 through November 15, 2014. One grand prize winner will receive an award and US\$5,000.

The contest theme is "Together As One."

- Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest. The contest may be sponsored in a local school or organized, sponsored youth group, or individuals may be sponsored as well.
- Essays must be no longer than 500 words, submitted in English, typewritten in black ink and double spaced.
- Each essay must be submitted with a completed entry form. Essays submitted without completed entry forms will be disqualified.
- Only one entry per student per year, and each entry must be the work of only one student.
- Essay entries cannot have already been published.
- Any essays found to be plagiarized will be disqualified, and the student will be prohibited from entering any future Lions competitions.

DEADLINES

November 15, 2025 – Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning essay to the district governor. **Note:** A participating club should notify its district governor in advance of sending an entry and confirm the date of the district judging at that time.

December 1, 2025 – Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry directly to Brand & Creative at Lions International.

December 1, 2025 – Postmark deadline for a district to send one winning essay to the multiple district council chairperson. A district not belonging to a multiple district must send its entries directly to Brand & Creative at Lions International (postmarked by December 1).

December 15, 2025 – Postmark deadline for a multiple district to send one winning essay to Brand & Creative at Lions International.

February 1, 2026 – Club presidents of international winners will be notified on or before this date.

PROMOTE YOUR CONTEST WINNER

- Raise awareness of the Peace Essay Contest and celebrate your contest winner on your social channels. Download social media graphics and customizable templates, **Peace Contest Social Media Kits** are available at lionsclubs.org/peaceessay. Tag your posts! [#peaceessay](https://twitter.com/peaceessay)
- Prepare a press release on your club's letterhead announcing the winner. Download the **Peace Essay Winner Press Release** template at lionsclubs.org/peaceessay. Send a photograph of the contest winner and their winning essay with the press release to the editor/reporter of the features or community section of your local newspaper(s). Keep a copy of the essay for the club and student's records.
- If your club or the school is hosting a special award ceremony for the winner, work with your school contacts to invite your local media to attend.
- Update the media and your social channels if your club's entry advances to the multiple district or international judging levels.

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Lions International
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Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842

Email: peaceposter@lionsclubs.org

(The words "Lions Essay Contest" must appear in the subject line of the e-mail.)

Mail Directly to the Organization



- 1) Enclose a note addressing the donation
- 2) Include YOUR club Number, 14-L, Number of Club Members or Club Roster on MyLCI
- 3) Your Contact Name and Phone Number with Area Code



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Vision: River Blindness, 9+ million cataract surgeries, etc

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Club Officers:

- 1) Include club number on check
- 2) Please state if for Melvin Jones Fellowship with credit from your club
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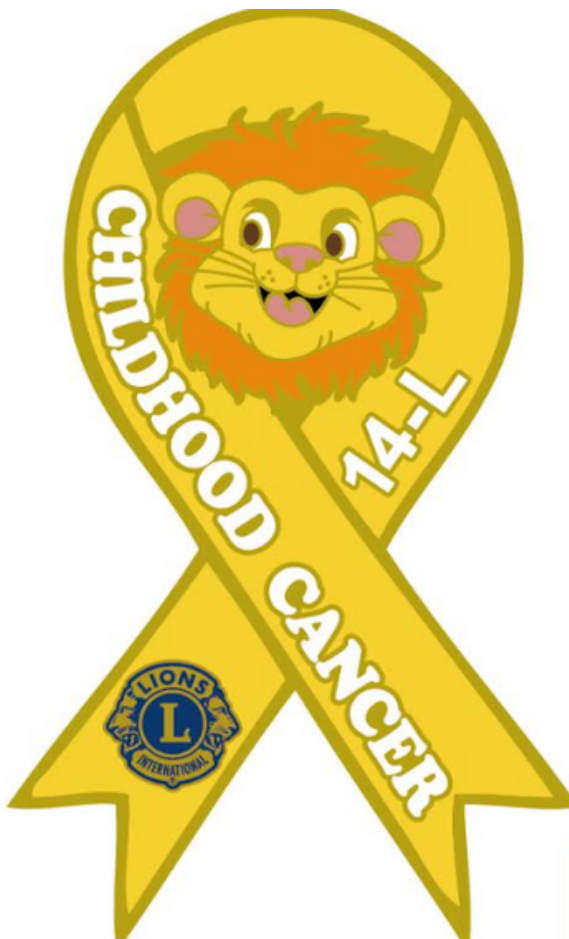
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AROUND THE DISTRICT

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COVE - DONATED MONEY FOR 17 STUDENTS TO ATTEND FBLA COMPETITION. SPONSORED 2 HOLES AT THE NBC MAT CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

LAKEMONT - 8 HOURS COLLECTING EYEGLASSES, FOUR HOURS DOING AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR OUR SPELLING BEE WINNERS, 8 HOURS OF SERVICE FOR CLEANING UP OUR ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROJECT IN LAKEMONT. WE HELD A CHICKEN BARBECUE TODAY, 25 HOURS THIS MONTH CLEANING UP THE LAKEMONT PARK IN GREENWOOD CUTTING FALLEN TREES, CUTTING GRASS TRIMMING THE GRASS, 10 HOURS OF MAINTAINING OUR MONUMENT IN LAKEMONT. HELD A MEMORIAL SERVICE ON MAY 24. WE HAD A SPEAKER DOUG REINHARD HE IS RETIRED AIR FORCE.

ORBISONIA - JOHN PLANK WAS AWARDED THE SENIOR BUILDING KEY FOR BRINGING 15 NEW MEMBERS TO THE ORBISONIA LIONS CLUB. DONATED MONEY FOR CAMPERS AT BEACON LODGE

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