

# DISTRICT 14-L NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025



## A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVE FLURIE

Greetings fellow Lions in 14-L,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving with your loved ones and friends. Let us all continue giving thanks during the remainder of this holiday season as we gear up to start a blessed New Year serving those in need.

This final month of the year I will be visiting Hollidaysburg, Altoona and Ft. Shirley Lions. My message to these clubs will continue to be one of optimism, spreading the word about the fantastic success of Lakemont Lions inducting 10 new members using their "membership blitz" program and the rebirth of the Shade Gap Lions. With a positive attitude and effort before the end of our current Lions year, I know many if not all our clubs can attract and retain at least 2 to 3 new members that will strengthen your clubs to increase our impact and recognition in the communities we serve.

As I mentioned in last month's district newsletter message, our 2nd "Weeks of Service" with Hunger as the theme officially runs from January 3rd to January 11th but begins 1 week prior and continues 1 week after the official dates.

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## Upcoming Events

Jan 3-11 - Hunger Service Event  
Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> - Cabinet Meeting @ TBD  
Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> - Spring Symposium - Harrisburg  
Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> - Spring Symposium - Butler  
March 6-8 - RLLI Training in Harrisburg  
April 11<sup>th</sup> - District Convention @ Juniata Valley HS  
May 15-17<sup>th</sup> - State Convention - Indiana, PA

## LIONS INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF SERVICE

### Hunger

**"TOGETHER WE SERVE,  
TOGETHER WE NOURISH"**

Join the district and Lions from around the world in this year's second "Week of Service". It runs from January 3-11<sup>th</sup>. We ask all clubs between Dec. 27-Jan. 18 to make a food or monetary donation to a locally. Whether it is a local food bank or a "Blessings Box" outside your church, we want to hear about it!



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR MESSAGE CONTINUED

I encourage all clubs to participate in this important event with the Slogan,

**"Together We Serve, Together We Nourish"**

starting on December 27 th and ending January 18 th . To make this a more substantial effort, partner with your local civic organizations, Fire Halls, Churches gathering non-perishable food items for donating to your local food pantries. Let's make this a district-wide event that people remember!

We successfully completed 2 online Zoom sessions providing LCI Portal training for those Lions in attendance. An additional Zoom training event will be announced in our January district newsletter. In addition to our Zoom sessions, we are planning 2 in-person Portal training sessions, one at Burnham Lions and another potentially at Lakemont or Orbisonia Lions club. All clubs will be notified when the in-person training events are set.

Club presidents, please consider and encourage one or more of your motivated, highly engaged Lions to attend our PA Lions Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) in March 2026 at the PA Lions State office in Harrisburg. Both VDG Hunter and I attended this excellent training event that motivated and prepared us to seek our current positions. The district will cover the cost for the club members that attend. The district will send the registration form upon request.

We are planning a Spring Rally for 2026. Our rally will focus on club membership and leadership development. This event will motivate and prepare those attending to realize the importance of recruiting and retaining new members and potentially discovering your own leadership abilities and potential. The Spring Rally date and location will be announced early next year.

Our 14-L District Convention date has been changed to Saturday, April 11 th , 2026, 9:00am to 9:00pm at Juniata Valley High School in Alexandria, PA. We are planning an enjoyable, fun-packed and educational event. Our distinguished VIP speaker is PID Steve Glass from West Virginia. We have booked a special guest, Elva Hurst, The Chalk-Talk Lady. The following exciting seminars will be offered at our convention: Leader Dog for the Vision Impaired, Childhood Cancer, and New Member Recruitment. Donuts and coffee for breakfast and a light lunch will be offered followed by the convention evening dinner featuring our VIP speaker, PID Steve Glass.

Our Club Strength is Lions Strength  
Come Serve with Us

Yours in Lionism,  
*DG Dave Florie*



**776 Lions in  
District 14-L**

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITATION SCHEDULE

Bedford Lions – Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Fort Shirley - December 11<sup>th</sup>  
Robertsdale, Saltillo, & Saxton - TBD

## WELCOME NEW LIONS

**Lakemont**  
Judith Ricker  
**Milroy**  
Kelley Fultz



## DISTRICT OUTREACH DUES!

The district outreach invoices were sent out with the last newsletter to all club secretaries. The first half of the year is \$10 per member according to your July 1<sup>st</sup> member count.

The second half of the year invoices will be sent out beginning of January. \$10 a member per your January 1<sup>st</sup> member count.

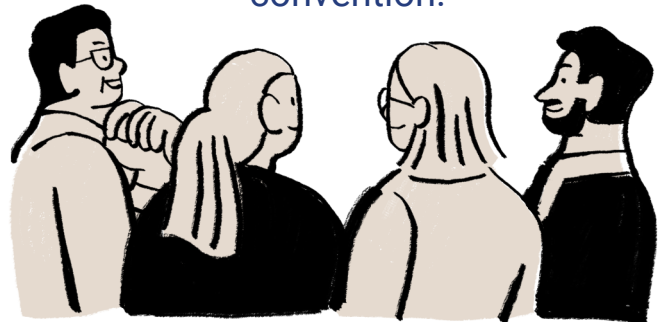
## DISTRICT CONVENTION!!

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

Dear Lion,

The Lion journey is different for each of us, but one thing is the same: being a Lion changes you. As you serve, you're not only improving the lives of others, you're discovering your own potential.

Every act of service shows you the power you have to make a difference. Every role, every project, every effort teaches you leadership, compassion and growth. Each of us has something valuable to offer – and Lions help bring that out.

Lions are inclusive, so invite someone to join you on your Lion journey today. We want as many people as possible to be part of what we build and the good that we do. Together, we will strengthen our organization, the communities we serve and ourselves.



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

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
<b>Total Contribution per Member</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>

## AROUND THE DISTRICT

**Allenport** - held a soup sale, collected eyeglasses,

**Burnham** - Held a community dinner, hoagie sale, donated \$250 to Mifflin Country Wrestling,

**Forbes Road** - Sealed tennis and pickleball court, donated \$500 to Children Services, \$100 to Fulton County Medical Center, held their 46<sup>th</sup> charter night.

**Huntingdon** - Donated \$150 to the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive, donated \$100 to Toys for Tots, paid \$440 to Penn Highlands Huntingdon Hospital to prepare (55) Thanksgiving meals for the individuals who signed up under the Meals on Wheels Program. We are also having our annual Huntingdon Lions 2025 Holiday Shootout at Juniata College on December 27th & 28th, 2025 at the Kennedy Sports & Recreation Center.

**Lakemont** - Sorted eyeglasses, and shopped for 2 children for Christmas.

**Orbisonia** - Donated \$500 to their local food bank,

**Mill Creek** - held it's annual Gun/Cash Event in September. Donated to a family who lost all their belongings in a tragic fire, and donated to a family who had to travel to Pittsburgh multiple times for medical treatment. Held their annual Holiday Shop & Soup Sale, and are planning a fundraiser for Toys For Tots.

**Stone Creek Valley** - Hosted their monthly Hootenanny.

### 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!

### 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.

### RENTAL POSSIBILITIES AT BEACON LODGE

Beacon Lodge is actively expanding to operate as a full year-round facility. From September through April, our primary income is generated through off-season rentals, and we welcome a wide variety of groups to enjoy our unique setting. Our camp is available to host Lions Club retreats, Corporate and business retreats, Family reunions and gatherings, Conferences and workshops, Weddings and special events.

If you are interested in renting the camp or would like to discuss specific services and accommodations, please contact:

Lion Kelly McMullen  
Programs Director  
☎ 814-542-2511

✉ Kellym@beaconlodge.org

We look forward to helping you plan your event at  
Beacon Lodge!

**CLUBS IN THE  
DISTRICT  
REPORTING  
SERVICE!**

86%



## ANNUAL PA LIONS SPRING LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

Lions-You are invited to attend! Free & open to all PA Lions. Learn to work with clubs and officers towards being more successful. Space is limited.

Saturday, Feb. 14 9-2:30- Harrisburg

Sunday, Feb. 15 12-5 - Butler

**EMPOWERMENT IS  
THE KEY TO SUCCESS!**



### SESSION TOPICS

CANI: Constant and Never-Ending Improvement  
Marketing – “On a Budget”

Service Projects: Connecting with Community  
Team Building/Partnering: We Serve Together

**FREE & OPEN to all MD-14 Lions**

To register, please contact PDG Bill Grager at [billbomzk@gmail.com](mailto:billbomzk@gmail.com) or call (717)615-1974

**Space is Limited!**

**Empowerment is the key to success!**



# STOP THE DROPS

When members feel valued, connected & proud of what their club does, they don't leave. **Retention isn't about keeping numbers — it's about keeping hearts engaged in service.**

December & June drops are often the result of clubs purging their rosters before the semi-annual billing deadlines. But that behavior is symptomatic, not the root cause. Let's stop the drops by addressing both prevention & perception.

#### **DECEMBER & JUNE DROPS HAPPEN BECAUSE:**

- Clubs don't want to pay for inactive members.
- Members feel disconnected or unengaged or unheard or unappreciated.
- There's a "clean-up culture" rather than a renewal mindset.

## service + fun = happy Lions

#### **Engage Now - Before the Drop**

##### **IDENTIFY AT-RISK MEMBERS**

- Who hasn't attended meetings?
- Who hasn't participated in service?
- Who might drop?
- Check in personally with every member now.
- Ask why they have become distant or might be considering leaving — & listen without judgment.
- Offer flexible dues payment options (installments, sponsorships, or club-level assistance funds).
- Use this as a chance to re-sell the value of being a Lion: friendship, purpose, impact & connection.

##### **REACTIVATE THROUGH SERVICE**

Promote a December service project where EVERY member has a role, even if it's small.

**MEASURABLE GOAL** - At least one contact/engagement for every Lion by November 30.

**Let's make every Lion proud to stay a Lion.**

## GRANT POSSIBILITIES

**North Eastern PA Lions Service Foundation (NEPLSF) [neplsf.org](http://neplsf.org)** - The Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Service Foundation (NEPALSF) 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](http://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 [wpalh.org](http://wpalh.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](http://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](mailto:USAGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org)**

