DISTRICT 14-L

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2026

A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT HUNTER MCVEY

Happy Lions New Year, Lions of District 14-L!

As we begin a new Lions year, I first want to thank Immediate Past District Governor Dave Flurie and his team for an outstanding 2025-2026. Their dedication and leadership have helped move our district forward, and I look forward to building upon that success as we continue to grow together.

This year is all about **recognition**—recognition for each and every one of you. Without our Lions and our clubs, there would be no district to serve. Please always remember that **the district works for you, not the other way around**. We are here to be a resource for your club. Never hesitate to reach out with questions, ideas, concerns, or if there is any way we can help your club succeed.

Over the coming weeks, we will begin offering training opportunities for our club officers to help navigate today's modern Lions environment. As many of you have noticed over the past several months, Lions International has introduced many changes that move us away from paper reporting and toward a more digital experience. Our goal is to help make those changes easier to understand so your officer positions become simpler and more efficient.

I also want to highlight a few upcoming events.

July 19 – Pennsylvania Lions Appreciation Day at Beacon Lodge

If you've never attended Appreciation Day, I encourage you to come experience it. It is truly one of the most rewarding days of the year. The day begins with a worship service led by our own District Chaplain, Kenneth Ashley, followed by a delicious chicken barbecue prepared by members of the Stone Creek Valley Lions Club and other local volunteers. Enjoy the famous Duck Race, fellowship with Lions from across Pennsylvania, and finish the day with the campers' talent show—a heartfelt way for them to thank all of you for making Beacon Lodge possible. I will attach the event flyer to this email



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Please call the Beacon Lodge office today to reserve your lunch so they can get an accurate head count. There is still time!

July 25 – Popeye Fleck Memorial Fishing Derby
The following weekend is the annual Popeye Fleck Memorial Fishing Derby for our Beacon Lodge campers. We are always looking for volunteers to help our campers cast their lines, watch for bites, and reel in their catches. We typically have around 20 campers participating, and it's an incredibly rewarding day.

Just as our local schools require background clearances, Beacon Lodge also requires all volunteers to have the necessary clearances. Thank you for understanding and helping us provide a safe environment for our campers.

August 22 – Banner Exchange & First Cabinet Meeting
I hope you'll join us for our Banner Exchange and first Cabinet Meeting of the year. We'll kick off the day with an opportunity for those interested to enjoy ziplining, followed by lunch and our first cabinet meeting as we officially begin the new Lions year together.

August 29 – Lions Night at the Altoona Curve
Join Lions from across the district for a fun evening at the ballpark! We'll celebrate LOCO's birthday during Mascot Palooza featuring some of the best mascots in Minor League Baseball. Stick around after the game for fireworks, and kids will have the opportunity to run the bases.

I am truly honored to serve as your District Governor this year. I look forward to visiting your clubs, working alongside each of you, and celebrating the incredible service you provide to your communities.

Thank you for everything you do for Lionism. Together, let's make 2026-2027 another outstanding year of service.





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YOU'RE INVITED

Pennsylvania Lions *Appreciation Day*

CELEBRATING 78 CONTINUOUS YEARS OF CAMPING

Sunday, July 19, 2026

Sunday, **July 19, 2026**, has been designated as "Pennsylvania Lions Appreciation Day." This day recognizes **Immediate Past District Governors** and **District Liaisons** as well as **all Lions and Leos** for their outstanding support of the Beacon Lodge Program.

As a Lion or Leo, you are cordially invited to bring your families to Beacon Lodge to join the festivities. Festivities will begin at **9:00 AM**. Lunch will be served from **11:30 AM to 12:30 PM**. The cost is **$10.00 per person**.

This year's PLAD features three exciting new additions ★ NEW FOR 2026

- ★ **The Pride Challenge** — A friendly competition to see which club can bring the most Lions to Beacon Lodge that day. Clubs compete within one of **three divisions by location** across the Commonwealth, keeping things fair and fun for everyone.
- ★ **On the Hunt** — A campus-wide scavenger hunt giving Lions and their families the chance to explore all that Beacon Lodge has to offer.
- ★ **Roar & Recall** — A Lions and Beacon Lodge trivia challenge to test your knowledge and celebrate our shared history.

Pin Traders are invited to participate. Clubs planning to arrange for bus transportation are urged to give the camp ample notice so adequate parking arrangements can be made. Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets for seating during the campers' talent show.

Certified service animals are allowed to attend if you bring the certification paper from the training entity.

We hope you will be able to visit the camp on "Pennsylvania Lions Appreciation Day" to observe what your contributions have made possible. **Every Lion in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania should be very proud of their part in making the Beacon Lodge Camp possible.**

— With gratitude, *the Beacon Lodge family*

PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS · PLEASE DETACH & RETURN WITH PAYMENT

No reservations will be accepted after June 30, 2026

PA LIONS APPRECIATION DAY · JULY 19, 2026

Please reserve _____ picnic meals @ $10.00 each = Total enclosed $_____

TICKETS WILL BE PICKED UP ON JULY 19 BY:

_____

NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON MAKING RESERVATION

NAME _____ STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE / ZIP _____

CLUB & DISTRICT _____ PHONE _____

Make checks payable to **Beacon Lodge** *· write* **"PLAD"** *on the memo line · mail with this form to the address above.*

CIRCLE OF HONOR - VETERANS MEMORIAL WALKWAY

A Permanent Memorial for All Who Served. Reserve an engraved memorial brick and leave a lasting mark in stone — while directly funding veteran programming at Beacon Lodge Camp, including Project New Hope, our free healing retreats for PA disabled veterans and their families.



Concentric rings of 4×8 and 12×12 engraved memorial bricks, filled sequentially from center outward. The pentagon fire space at center remains a gathering place for veterans. This is where your brick reservation matters today. Visit beaconlodge.org under the "Fundraisers" tab for more information!

POPEYE FLECK

Mark your calendars for this years 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!

Banner Exchange & Meeting



August 22nd

Come join us for a great day at the PA Lions Beacon Lodge! Come ride the zipline in the morning, enjoy a fresh picnic lunch, banner exchange between IPDG Dave Flurie of Bedford and DG hunter McVey of Allenport, followed by our first cabinet meeting of the 2026-2027 Lions Year!

- 10:00-11:30 AM - Zip Line will be open
- 12:00-12:30 PM - Lunch
- 12:45-1:00 PM - Banner Exchange
- 1:15- 2:30 PM - Cabinet Meeting

Lunch is $5 a person

Following meeting we will assemble backpacks for our local schools!

Please RSVP so we have a rough idea for lunch.

814-599-7316

info@palions14L.org

LIONS NIGHT AT THE CURVE!

August 29th @ 6PM

Ticket Price : **$9.00**

Come join us for a night at the Altoona Curve! Buy in as a club, individual, or purchase tickets for kids in the community!



$0.50 from each ticket sold will benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Danville.

Ronald McDonald House® Danville

To celebrate LOCO's birthday they will have a Mascot Palooza with some of the best in MLB! After the game enjoy fireworks and the kids can run the bases!

Reserve your tickets now!
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Greetings all!

I am writing to inform you that this year's Popeye Fleck Memorial Fishing Derby is scheduled for July 26th 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.

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. 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

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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. Feel free to contact me with any questions!

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Dear Lion,

As in the past, the Beacon Lodge Golf Outing is coming up in August. Regarding that, we are asking each club to sponsor a hole. The cost is only $100.00. All our districts have a great reputation for their support of Beacon Lodge. PCC McCarl, who is the chair of this event, wants each district to be 100% contributors to this great project. That means that each club in the district will be the sponsor of a hole and the district also contributes. Enclosed you will find a copy of the brochure.

For each club which sponsors a hole, there will be a placard on display at the hole and recognition at the banquet that evening. Show the rest of Pennsylvania how your clubs and district come through when needed. You may also be receiving a call from your district's representative to the Beacon Lodge Board of Directors to remind you of this much needed support. As you can see below, there are other sponsorship levels as well. Remember this is YOUR camp.

Your checks can be sent directly to the above address. Make your checks out to: *PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp* and please **consider adding this to your club's yearly budget.**

Sincerely,

Beacon Lodge Board Member

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.

