

District 14-L Newsletter

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A Message from District Governor Gary

Happy December 14L Lions!
I trust all Lions in 14L had a wonderful Thanksgiving sharing time with their families and friends! I also trust we all took a few moments and gave Thanks for all things we have to be Thankful for!

December marks the halfway point in our Lions year. To say I wanted to be further along at this point with Club visits, membership growth and other plans for the District would be an understatement. For this I must openly apologize to all Lions in the District. At the same time I promise to work harder in the new year to get those goals accomplished and begin to move the District in a positive, productive direction.

To mention things I am Thankful for, 1st VDG Dave Flurie is taking a critical role in rebuilding things in the District and has been an invaluable asset. 2nd VDG Hunter McVey has also taken on many roles being not only our 2nd VDG but also handling District Administration duties, production of the monthly newsletter and many other roles. Lions Deb Price has accepted the position of Childhood Cancer Chairperson. Lion Cindy Ashley is now our District Secretary and is an awesome event planner. Lion Karen Morris has accepted the role as District Diabetes Chairperson as well. All this is great news and I don't want to steal 1st VDG Dave's thunder but we still

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WELCOME NEW LIONS!!

Chief Logan
Roger Wagner

Stone Creek Valley
Phoebe Yablonski



**835 Lions in
District 14-L
-1 YTD**

have a long way to go! We need more Lions to get involved with things they are passionate about at the district level. Read his message and consider how you can help!

In closing probably my shortest newsletter edition ever.....I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I for one and more than ready to say goodbye to 2024 and welcome in 2025!

Continue prayers for PID Larry and Lion Susan as he rebuilds his health and Lion Susan for support!

Make Your Mark,

DG Gary

An Update on PID Larry

PID Larry and Lion Susan are excited to tell you that PID Larry will be discharged from the hospital November 27 and is headed to rehab. In Altoona. He is improving daily and now needs to rebuild his strength. Many thanks for all the prayers and good wishes that have been given by the Lions of Pennsylvania. If you would like to send a card to PID Larry, his address at the rehab. Is Encompass Health and Rehabilitation Center, Attn: Larry Edwards, 2005 Valley View Blvd., Altoona, PA 16602.

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



Holiday Greetings to Lions in 14-L, Hope everyone shared a great Thanksgiving with family, friends and fellow Lions.

My club in Bedford just celebrated the 80 th anniversary of its charter. Wow, what an accomplishment and I want to mention a few other clubs in our district that share the same distinction or better, Altoona – 102 years, Saxton – 94 years, Bellwood Antis – 93 years, McConnellsburg – 88 years, Huntingdon – 86 years, Williamsburg – 85 years, Everett – 85 years, Orbisonia – 82 years, Bedford –80 years. There are 27 clubs in our district that are between 60 and 80 years in existence. It is impressive to know that our clubs have existed for so long serving their respective communities with many dedicated members over the decades. It certainly is disheartening to see clubs with such longevity fade out of existence. We must be optimistic and work on serious plans to recruit and keep members. Our communities deserve it. I need to address a very critical district topic, the filling of vital district cabinet positions. DG Gary, 2VDG Hunter and I need to recruit Lions to fill the following:

- At least (2) Zone Chair positions
- (1) District Administrator
- Global Action Team (GAT) members
 - (1) Global Leadership
 - (1) Global Service
 - (1) Global Membership
 - (1) GAT Extension
- (1) LCIF Coordinator

The LCI Portal contains learning lessons under the topic “Learn” on each of the above positions providing details on the responsibilities. We invite, encourage and want to enable Lions in our district to seriously consider taking one of these positions. It is imperative that we have all positions filled and work as a team to provide our clubs with the best possible resources and information. I want to share the good news that PID Larry Edwards is out of the hospital and in physical therapy. Larry is improving well, and our thoughts and prayers continue for Larry and Susan for a full recovery.

**Yours in Lionism,
Dave Flurie**

Hello, Lions of 14-L.



Wow...here we are in December. What a busy couple of weeks it has been, as I am sure everyone is gearing up for the holiday season. I am lucky enough to have not one Thanksgiving, but 3 with my family, though my stomach was happy, not my waistline. Now we are beginning the journey into the Christmas and overall Holiday season with Friday kicking off my first of many Santa gigs. It is truly amazing to step back and see where life has brought me and the opportunities offered. Ok. snout about me haha

Halfway through this Lion Year has brought us with many ups and downs. Currently, we are sitting at a -1 for membership and as for service reporting, we are very low. I urge you all to reach out to someone you feel would benefit from joining this amazing organization. Bring them to a service event as that is where the magic happens, and watch them fall in love. My overall goal for the year is to have a +15-20 members. Yes, that is a jump, but I know we can do it, as we have had some unfortunate passings, but we have also added many amazing passionate Lions as well. Please keep reporting your service through the portal, or send it my way and I will make sure it gets there. Every club does the work, so let us get you the recognition as well! In the new year as we start to gear up on events again, I hope to meet with as many clubs that will have me to see where they are at and what makes them tick. I want to know your stories so I can get a better idea of where we can grow the district in the coming years!

As I continue my training, my hopes are to get more information that has seldom been passed on to you all. Many benefits are left in the dark and there are many things that you can benefit from. I also ask that you look around your clubs and look for possible Lions who can help the district succeed. The biggest misunderstanding is the time and money needed to "move on up". Most everything is digital now so for a Zonechair, getting your club to forward their minutes is a new easy way to keep in contact, and I am more than willing to talk to any interested parties as we currently have many vacancies. Though I will warn you that once you begin the journey it is hard to stop as you will see and do many amazing things!

I am here to serve and will be of service! I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season! From my family to yours! I am looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

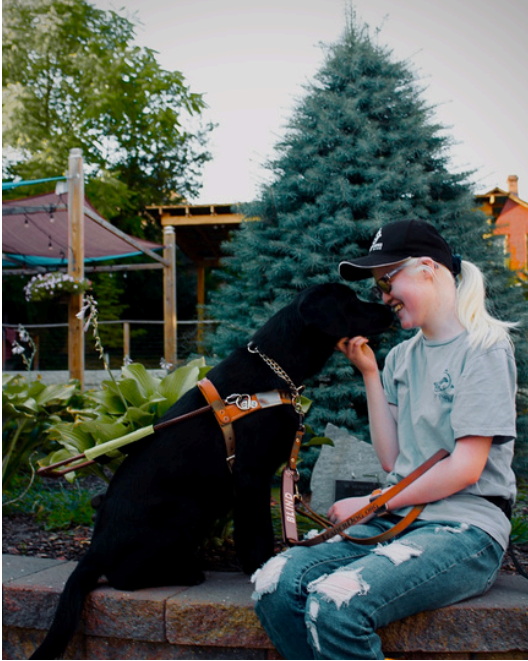
Thank You For Everything You Do!

Hunter "Radar" McVey
2VDG District 14-L
GMT/GST



Upcoming District Governor Visits

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



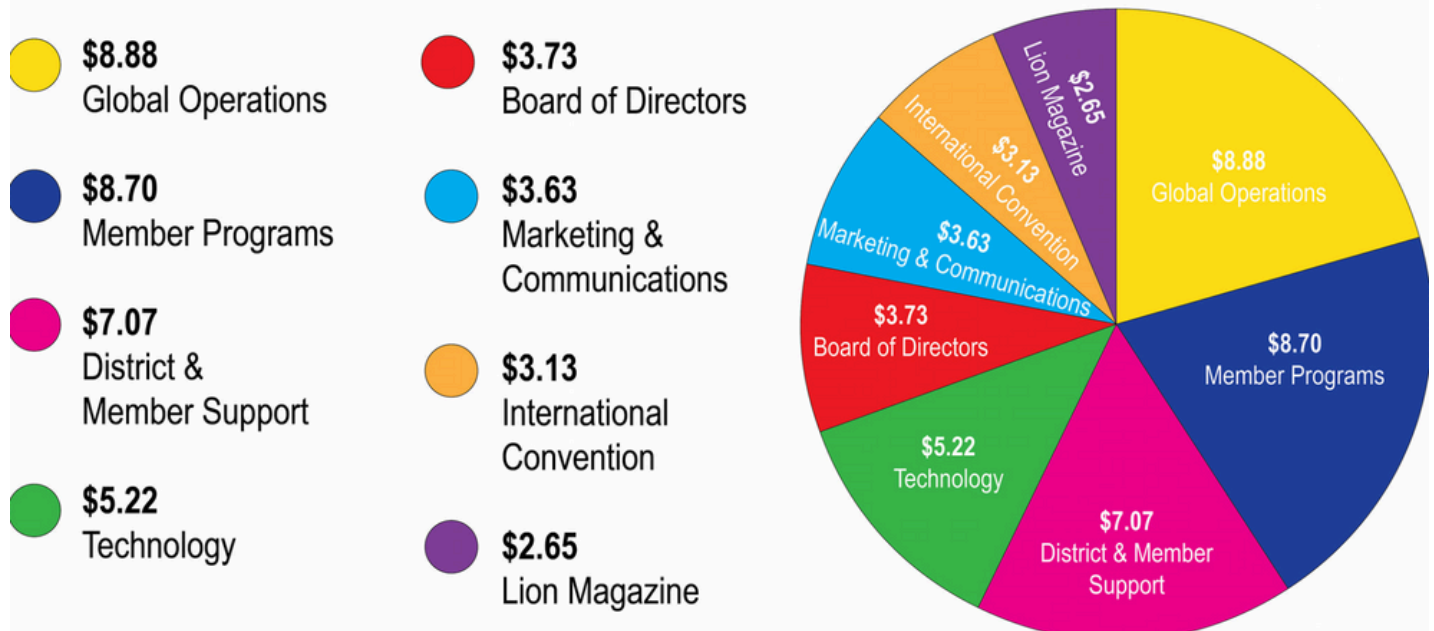
Interested in having a speaker come to your club to talk to you about Leader Dog? This is Lion Phoebe with her Leader Dog Mia. She is very in meeting anyone who would like to hear about her journey. Send us an email to get a date scheduled.

palions14L@gmail.com

A year outdated by this shows you how our International Dues are used.

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

FIRST 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. This is the invoice for the first one-half of that Outreach payment. The invoice for the second one-half of the yearly payment will be sent shortly after January 1, 2025.

Please remit the first payment of \$10 per member per July 1, 2024, membership count payable to District 14-L to the District Treasurer by October 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,

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

YOUR LCIF DONATIONS IN ACTION:

Since September Lions Clubs International Fund (LCIF) has awarded 10 Emergency Grants totaling \$150,000.00 for hurricane relief across Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, George, and Tennessee. Additionally, 2 Major Catastrophe grants in Florida and North Carolina, each for \$100,000.00 have been awarded, bringing the current total to \$350,000.00 in grant money that is sent to the local Lions Clubs to help them help their communities recover.

LCIF continues to work with Lions Clubs assessing additional needs and anticipate additional grant funding will be awarded. Lions are using Emergency Grants first, and then will assess additional funding needs.

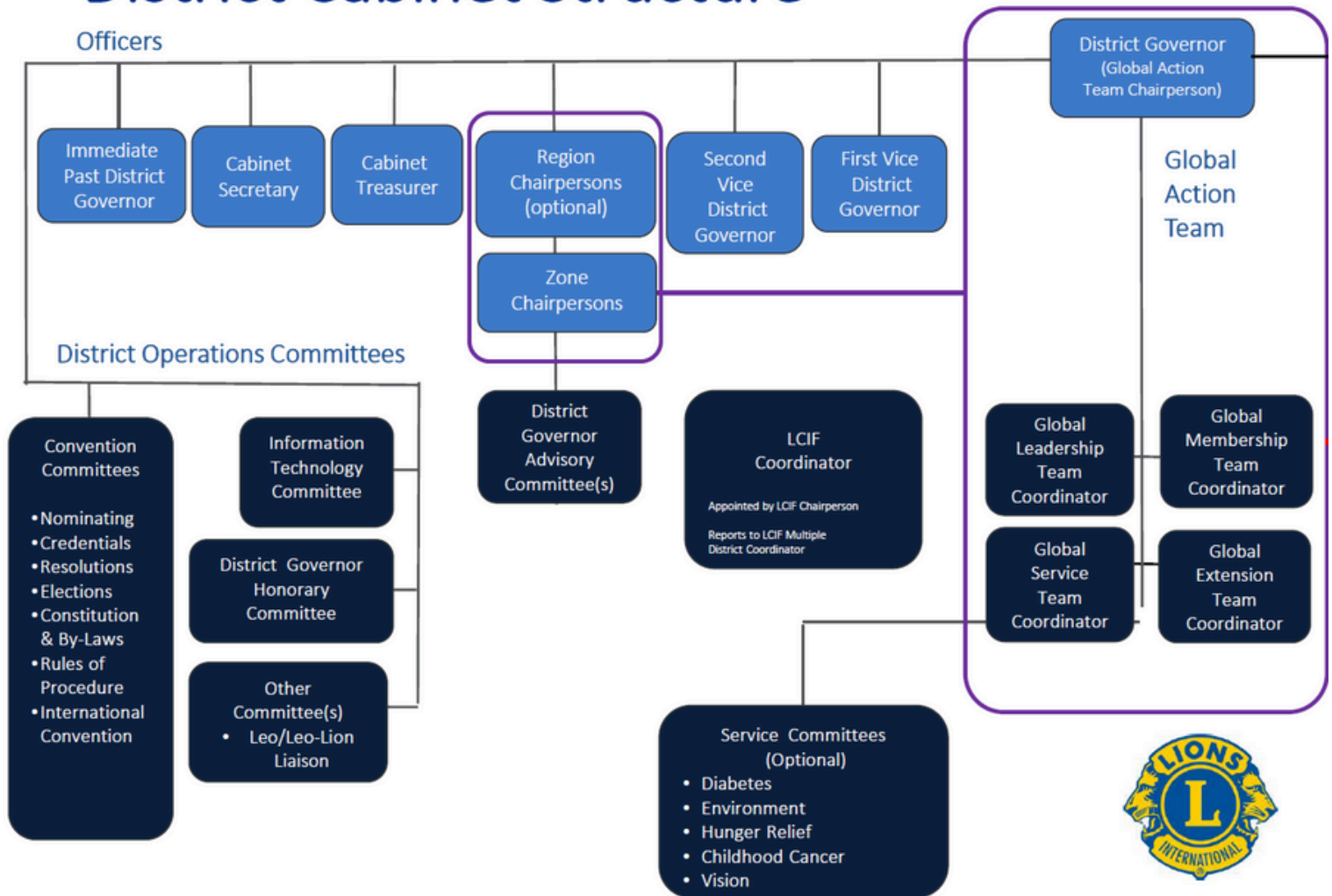
100% of your donations go to help those affected by disasters.

Lions club takes every penny donated and gives it back, so help Lions help their communities affected by disaster, **DONATE TODAY.**



Who is ready to take a chance on becoming a "Lucky Leprechaun" with the Lakemont Lions Club St. Patty's Day drawing?
1st prize 1,000.00
2nd prize 750.00
3rd prize. 500.00
DRAWING - 3/12/24
\$5.00 / Ticket

District Cabinet Structure



Current District Officer Openings

- Zone Chairpersons
- LCIF Coordinator
- Newspaper Editor
- Various Service Committees



HYNDMAN LONDONDERRY LIONS
PRESENT

*2024 Lions
Social*

WINTER WONDERLAND

ENJOY LIGHTS, RAFFLES, LIVE MUSIC,
AND DINNER FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY.



DEC 7TH 5 PM.

HYNDMAN FIRE HALL



**ONLY 100 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD FOR
THIS EVENT!**

**PIN TRADERS CLUB OF PENNSYLVANIA
RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP OR NEW MEMBER**

LION/LIONESS/LEO _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

SPOUSE/PARTNER _____

PHONE NUMBER HOME () _____ **BUSINESS()** _____

E-MAIL _____

CLUB _____

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES JULY 1, THRU JUNE 30 ----- \$7.00 (NEW & RENEWAL
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO P.T.C.P. (PIN TRADERS CLUB OF PENNSYLVANIA))**

MAIL TO: **LION LANA MCCAULLEY, SECRETARY
12 FIELDSTONE DR.
MECHANICSBURG, PA 17050**

*****IF NEW MEMBER – SPONSOR'S NAME** _____



Hello Fellow Lions,

Welcome to the new pin trading year, as we all know the new theme is the "Wild West" so looking forward to seeing all the great new pins.

We are starting to get things set for the annual Pennsylvania Swap in March. We are hoping for a great turn out and lots of fellowship.

We are designing a new Membership pin and a special memorial pin for Amos Shatzer which will be available at the March swap.

Hope everyone gets out to the swaps and enjoy themselves, I will see you all in Virginia!

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Scott Lyons

PTCP Officers:

President: Scott Lyons

Vice President:

Secretary: Lana McCaulley

Treasurer: Linda Fenicle

Pins Available For Sale

Here are some pins we have available to sell.
They are \$2.00 per pin.

15 sets - 2024 PTCP Santa Farmer 5 Pin Set (\$10 per set)



Farmer # 1
9 available



Farmer # 2
8 available



Farmer # 3
8 available



Farmer # 4
76 available



Farmer # 5
71 available



Farmer # 6
72 available

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



Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International since 1968. LCIF has provided grant funding for local and global humanitarian efforts, and funded entirely by charitable donations from Lions, and our friends and partners. We have awarded a staggering 1 billion funding through 15,000 grants focused on four core areas:

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

Youth: Social and emotional programs

Disaster Relief: \$118 million for immediate natural disasters

Humanitarian Programs: Health care, educations, technology

Club Officers:

- 1) Include club number on check
- 2) Please state if for Melvin Jones Fellowship with credit from your club
- 3) 300 West 22nd Street Oak Brook, IL 60523

Leader Dogs for the Blind is the answer for thousands of people in critical need of our services. Because we believe every person deserves equal opportunity for independent travel, all of our services are provided at no cost, covering expenses for training, room and board, and travel to our campus from anywhere in North America.

Our PA Coordinator

Lion Amanda Remic
122 Country Lane
Export, PA 15632
akbrant@atlanticbb.net Home Phone: 724-984-7644



Leader Dogs for the Blind

1039 South Rochester Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
www.leaderdog.org Phone: 888-777-5332



PA Lions Beacon Lodge – Sponsored by Lions of PA

For only \$5 a member, your club can participate in the "500 Club" as it's great way for your club to help with the maintenance fund! Be sure to put "500 Club" in the memo line!

***Trust and Endowment Funds:** created to perpetuate Beacon Lodge Program

***Brick Walkway:** purchase a brick to honor individuals, leaving a legacy

***Carl Shoemaker Fellowship:** established in memory of the founder (\$500)

Send Donations to:

PA Lions Beacon Lodge
114 State Route 103
South Mount Union, PA 17066
www.beaconlodge.org Phone: 814-542-2511

Lions of PA Foundation (LOPF) PA Fellowship

PIP Josphe Wroblewski Award:

- 1) Available only to Lions, Leos, or Community member who holds a "PA Fellow" \$500
- 2) One who brings honor to the Past International President for his work

District Coordinator:

PDG Kerry Drake

Send Donations to:

PDG Kerry Drake
5455 Warrensville Road
Montoursville, PA 17754
www.lionsofpafoundation.org Phone: 570-435-0635

Report your Service

**YOUR SERVICE HAS THE POWER TO CHANGE LIVES.
SO DO YOUR STORIES.**

**THE MORE YOU SHARE ABOUT WHAT YOUR CLUB IS
DOING, THE MORE OPPORTUNITIES YOU CREATE FOR
YOUR COMMUNITY TO JOIN YOU.
PROMOTE YOUR CLUB AND
SERVICE ACTIVITIES.**

IP Douglas Alexander



By Chris Plummer

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Class of 2024



LEADER DOGS
FOR THE BLIND



Ally



Elkan



Mango



Pquinn



Ash



Elroy



Margot



Marshal



Radar



Barney



Ferdinand



Marshall



Radar



Benji



Rigatoni



Bessie



Flower



Mia



Rolo



Fiesta



Maya



Fozzy



Mika



Roselle



Birdie



Garth



Miller



Beulah



Bowser



Gracelyn



Millie



Rover



Bowzer



Happy



Milo



Mochi



Roxanne



Brinkley



Harlem



Murphy



Rusty



Bucky



Rusty



Budders



Ivan



Nevaeh



Sammy



Caramello



Jaxon

Thank you!

Because of the support and generosity of people like you, we've been able to graduate more extraordinary dogs for people who are visually impaired. On behalf of all these amazing dogs, our deserving clients and everyone at Leader Dogs for the Blind, thank you!

Sign Up Today - Space Is Limited!



RLLI



REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



March 7-9, 2025

Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg/Hershey



Contact Your District
Governor
Or
PDG Kerry McKnight
md14glt-learn@yahoo.com

Space Is Limited!
\$175 Per Lion
Meals & Rooms Included

SUBJECTS

- Lions Fundamentals
- Team Work
- Diversity
- Public Speaking
- Time Management
- Personal Mission Statement
- Member Motivation
- Goal Setting

INSTRUCTORS

- PID Cindy Gregg
- PDG Tom Gregg
- PDG Jason Long
- PDG John Mallonee
- PDG Dick Sware
- PID James Cavallaro
- PDG Kerry McKnight

FOUR  DIAMONDS
— Conquering Childhood Cancer —

**September is Childhood
Cancer Awareness Month**

**TOGETHER, WE ARE
CONQUERING
CHILDHOOD CANCER**



FOUR DIAMONDS
CHILD **MADILYN**

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
Your donation to Four Diamonds helps to provide
superior care & comprehensive support to children
fighting cancer and helps to fund innovative research
which will help us to conquer childhood cancer.

Turn your car into a vehicle
for change this fall.



lionsofpafoundation.org

click "Forms" tab for the application

@cartober Vehicle Donation

How to participate

We're participating in Cartober – a national campaign that raises awareness around this powerful means of giving.

You, too, can participate by donating your vehicle to LOPF. The process is easy and free, and we'll use the proceeds to support your community .

**Donate your unwanted car, truck,
van, boat, motorcycle, real estate:**



Call **877-999-8322** or start your donation online.



Schedule your free and convenient pick-up.



Once your vehicle is sold, we'll then send you the paperwork for your tax-deductible gift.

Visit **cartober.com** or call
877-999-8322 to get started!

ALLENPORT LIONS POP TAB COLLECTION

**ALL TABS WILL BE DONATED TO THE
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE IN
DANVILLE.**

**CONTACT HUNTER MCVEY WITH ANY QUESTIONS
814-599-7316. LIONHUNTERMCFVEY@GMAIL.COM**



AROUND THE DISTRICT

ALLENPORT – COLLECTED TOYS FOR FOUR DIAMONDS



CHIEF LOGAN – DONATED \$500 TO THE SALVATION ARMY, \$1000 TO UNITED WAY, \$1000 TO THE LUMINA CENTER, \$1000 TO THE MIFFLIN COUNTY LIBRARY, \$1000 TO SHELTER SERVICES, \$1000 TO THE YMCA, & \$1000 TO MOTHER HUBBARDS CUPBOARD.

COVE – DONATED \$500 WORTH OF FOOD FOR THE DISTRICT 14-L FOOD DRIVE FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS. GAVE \$100 FOR AD IN LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING PROGRAM HELD GUN RAFFLE. HELD SUNDAY BRUNCH. HELD WING NIGHT WITH PROCEEDS OF \$1,500 DONATED TO "SAMITARIAN PURSE" TO HELP HURRICANE VICTIMS. SERVED A CARRY-OUT VETERANS MEAL TO 70 LOCAL VETERANS. DONATED \$500 + FOOD TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

ORBISONIA – DONATED \$200 TOWARDS THANKSGIVING MEALS.

Have a story, photo, or suggestion for the newsletter?
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ROARING SPRINGS - HELD A VETERANS DINNER ON NOVEMBER 5TH. FOOD BASKETS WILL BE GIVEN TO NEEDY FAMILIES.

STONE CREEK VALLEY- HELD THEIR MONTHLY HOOTENANNY. TO DATE THEY HAVE RAISED OVER \$261,000 FOR FAMILIES.

