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A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR NATE

Dear Lions of District 14-T,



I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your commitment and enthusiasm this year. As many of you know, I'm doing things a little differently and focusing on getting to know each of our clubs better. My travels through the district have been inspiring and full of wonderful conversations. Hearing about your impressive fundraisers and service

projects has given me a deep appreciation for the incredible work being done by each of you.

Some standout fundraisers include unique events like a Mini-Golf Tournament, homemade ice cream sales, and even a bull ride! And, of course, we can't forget the beloved pancake breakfasts, chicken BBQs, and spaghetti dinners that are such a vital part of many clubs' traditions. On the service side, I've seen everything from scholarships and generous donations to local firehouses, libraries, and to Lions projects that impact the community in powerful ways. It's incredible to see KidSight screenings, park maintenance efforts, parades, Easter egg hunts, and even a Santa Hotline at Christmas!

Another goal I have this year is to open up communication—not only between the district and the clubs but also between the clubs themselves. One way I plan to do this is by having clubs send their event fliers to their Zone Chairs, who will then send them up to the GAT Team. From there, we'll have a weekly blast of Lions events for the entire district. This will be a great way to get extra volunteers if you need help with an event or to see firsthand how other clubs are organizing their activities. Plus, by attending each other's events, we can strengthen our connections and support each other's efforts.

To honor and celebrate these efforts, I'm compiling a list of Service Activities and Fundraisers across the district. I believe this will be a valuable resource to share ideas and inspire new initiatives.



**December Newsletter deadline
is
December 3rd.**

**Please email your articles & club
information to
Lion Fay Watson at
faydy320@gmail.com
Thank you!**

DG Nate's message cont'd...

Please feel free to reach out if you have any unique projects or events you'd like included that I may not have noted when I visited your club.

Keep up the fantastic work, and thank you for everything you do for our communities. Together, we're making an impact!

Yours in service,
Nathan Pfister

MESSAGE FROM 1VDG BARB

Hello Lions,

I have been busy learning more about our clubs. Most of us seem to have the same problem of membership retention and membership growth. Hopefully you will reach out to our district team to assist you. All of the Clubs are involved in service and fund raising. Members have participated in the pajama drive. It was a great success with your help. Youth and Children Service will appreciate our donations. Over 4,000 pair of pajamas throughout the state. The pajamas were distributed equally between all of the counties. Some of you may have helped with the floods in the south. Kodo's to all!

I am looking forward to my future visits to your club. District 14-T is going to increase membership this year and continue to report our service.

A Happy Thanksgiving to all of you.

FVDG Barb Dudek
Lower Paxton Twp Lioness Lions

MESSAGE FROM 2VDG JOEL

Already! One third of the Lions Year is history. I have met several clubs in geographical areas I was never in before. Upcoming are visits to the big city -I am not a city person myself. But people live there so we belong there.

Congratulations to all Lions for the work done, and remember- keep on going. Do not wait to be asked to fill a position - maybe a stretch will do you good. 2VDG Joel

2VDG District14-T
IPP Chambersburg Evening Lion Club
District 14-T Beacon Lodge Liaison
Youth Activities Committee

2024-2025 14-T DISTRICT MEETINGS

#2 – November 10, 2024 (Sun.) Lurgan Twp. Center 13978 Cumberland Hwy., Roxbury, PA

#3 – February 23, 2025 (Sun.) West Hanover Community Center, 4628 Walnut Ave. , Harrisburg, Pa 17112

PDG's Meeting	12:30 PM-1:30 PM
Executive Session (as needed)	1:00 PM-1:30 PM
General Cabinet Meeting	1:45 PM-3:30 PM

DISTRICT 14-T CONVENTION

#4 – April 5, 2025 TBD

#5 – June 2025 (Sun.) Executive Committee Only TBD

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14 STATE CONVENTION

April 30 -May 4, 2025 Scranton Hilton



**NEW MEMBERS
October 2024**

LOWER PAXTON LIONS JULIE S ALLEN	LOWER SWATARA LIONS NOAH R SHEAFFER
NEW BLOOMFIELD LIONS ANGELA M SMILEY ALYSON L THEBES	RICHFIELD LIONS JONATHAN M MAZURKEVICH

**DECEASED MEMBERS
October 2024**

ICKESBURG LIONS BRIAN S. ALLEN	LURGAN TOWNSHIP LIONS JACK SEASE
MIFFLINTOWN LIONS EDWARD D FRAKER	MOUNT PARNELL LIONS C EUGENE WINGERT
NEW BLOOMFIELD LIONS EDWARD ALBRIGHT	



The District Governor White Cane Project has been around for many years. All monies collected stays within your local clubs to be used for Eyesight Conservation. Over one-half of the District Governor's Projects are related to Eyesight Conservation. This project can be implemented anytime throughout the Lions, Lioness and Leos' year. (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025).

- Lower Paxton Township Lions Club - \$505.00**
- Greene Township Lions Club - \$2155.00**
- Paxtang Lions Club - \$1,116.00**
- New Bloomfield Lions Club - \$578.86**
- Lower Paxton Twp. Lioness/Lions Club - \$650.00**
- Waynesboro Lions Club - \$427.65**
- Ickesburg Lions Club - \$212.73**
- Landisburg Lions Club - \$3,443.85**

*****CUT AND RETURN*****

**2024-2025 WHITE CANE CLUB REPORT
PA Lions Multiple District 14-T**

This report includes All White Cane Activities
Occurring from 07/01/2024 to 06/30/2025:

Please email to dalton_paul@comcast.net or
send form to PDG Dalton E. Paul
District 14-T White Cane Chair
1432 Laurelton Court
Chambersburg, PA 17201

1. Did your Lions, Lioness, or Leo Club hold a White Cane fundraising event (or events)?
 Yes, please continue with question 2
 No, please complete Club information and return Form to District White Cane Chairperson
2. Please list activities, dollar amounts raised, and Estimated man-hours.

ACTIVITY	AMOUNT RAISED
TOTAL:	

Estimated total man-hours expended: _____

Club Name: _____

Report Submitted by: _____ Phone/Email

This report must be in no later than July 15 2025, but try to get it in as soon as you complete your" 2022-2023 White Cane Campaign". Thank you.



BEACON LODGE

The trip to Beacon Lodge is very beautiful, no matter which route you take - just go!

I mentioned last month that a weekend work trip for 14-T is being planned. It will be April 24-27 and we will be joining District N as it is their scheduled work weekend. That date works best as our District Convention is April 6, and the next two weekends are Palm Sunday and Easter.

Exact work to be done will be known later. But in the meantime please plan on sharing with us and help get the camp in shape next April. I have personally worked at several work weekends with Lions from various PA clubs.

For those who may not know, District 14-T has supported two buildings in the Children's Village, one is a cabin with lodging for eight campers and one counsellor. The other is the Arts and Crafts building near the cabin. Neither is in bad shape but some repair work could be done.

I will confer with the Maintenance Staff concerning the screening on the Arts and Crafts building, the hole on the side of the cabin and cleaning up stones and landscaping around the cabin.

We have two wonderful communicators as Directors who keep us informed. In addition, you may ask questions of either of the Directors or myself or by visiting your camp. You can't get an answer to your questions, if you don't ask.

2nd VDG Joel Leckron
14-T Beacon Lodge Liaison



PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp "500 Club"



Dear Lions and Leos of District 14-T

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:

DO NOT SEND TO BEACON LODGE



Mail checks by January 31st to: Lion Denise Heck, 11908 North Woodlea Dr., Waynesboro, PA 17268
OR
PDG Jan Adams, 6 Logan's Run, Enola, PA 17025

Please make checks payable to: Beacon Lodge 500 Club

*UPON REQUEST, WE WILL BE PLEASED TO PRESENT A BEACON LODGE PROGRAM AT YOUR CLUB.

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

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Jan Adams, Board President janpdg@gmail.com
Lion Denise Heck, Board member deniseheck@comcast.net

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

Sir Winston Churchill

New Bloomfield Lions Community Theatre Volunteers Needed!

New Bloomfield Lions Community Theatre has been a part of Perry County for more than fifty years. The first LCT production, *Send Me No Flowers*, was performed in 1971. Since that beginning, LCT has presented 56 shows, at least one per year with the exception of 2020 and 2021. Over the years many people have been a part of LCT. The New Bloomfield Lions Club has provided most of the people who did the administrative work needed for the productions. Nonetheless, LCT could not have continued to offer entertainment for all these years without the participation of hundreds of community members on stage and behind the scenes.

LCT is now preparing for its next production, the musical ***Chicago***. The show will be presented on April 10-12, 2025, at West Perry High School, Elliottsburg, PA. The executive committee responsible for LCT administrative activities welcomes Lion Jeff Kuhns as the executive producer for the upcoming show. Auditions/sign-ups for *Chicago* will be held at West Perry Middle School on December 9 and 10, at 7:00 each evening. Further information may be found on the Lions Community Theatre page on Facebook and at nblions.org.

As always, the show will not go on without the participation of the community. Actors and actresses are sought for leading roles and ensemble parts. LCT's productions have offered a stage to many talented local performers and musicians throughout its history. Familiar favorites have delighted audiences, and LCT has continued to thrive because of the ongoing participation of new performers. Young and aspiring actors become new audience favorites, benefiting from the examples and encouragement provided by veteran performers.

With the approach of the 2025 season, people who want to perform on stage are encouraged to put the dates of the tryouts/sign-ups on their calendars. Although some roles require prior experience with acting or training in dance, *Chicago* includes an ensemble. Members of the ensemble simply need to be willing to learn and move on stage. Additionally, LCT needs people who are willing and able to assist in set construction. This means working with the plans of the director to produce streamlined sets to enhance the production.

Whether you plan to be on stage, backstage, or in the audience, mark your calendar for LCT's 2025 production of *Chicago* on April 10-12, 2025. As the days get shorter and colder, everyone needs something to look forward to. LCT's 57th show can be counted on to be that something.

Submitted by:

Gloria J. McPherson

New Bloomfield Lions Club

REMINDER: Please be sure to have your club's winning poster to Lion John Petrina for the November 10th District Meeting.



LCI Peace Poster Contest

For over three decades Lions Clubs around the world have proudly sponsored the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. We encourage every Lions Club to engage with the youth in their community to sponsor a Peace Poster Contest entry.

The Theme of the 2024-2025 Peace Poster Contest is
"Peace Without Limits"
Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15, are eligible to participate.

Lions Clubs interested in sponsoring the Peace Poster Contest can order a Peace Poster Contest kit (PPK-1) from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters until October 1, 2024.



PAST YEAR WINNER

The kit is \$11.95 plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. Clubs must purchase a kit for each contest sponsored. Each kit contains:

- Official Club Contest Guide and Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant Flyer to duplicate & give participants to take home
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

Please review contest rules and order kits as soon as possible to guarantee sufficient time for a well-planned contest.

Please allow 3-4 weeks for delivery.

for info and to order your kit



November 15, 2024: Postmark deadline for a Club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the District Governor. Your Club winning posters should be given to **Lion John Petrina** at the November Cabinet Meeting, which is the very last date.



contact:
Lion John Petrina
District 14T Peace Poster Chair.
artcraft@comcast.net

LCI Peace Poster Contest

To order a kit, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster>

BLAIN LIONS



October 31st was a beautiful, warm night for the Blain Halloween parade – sponsored by Blain Lions Club.

Pictured L-R: Little Dead Riding Hood (Lion Fay Watson) & Hippie Chick (Lion Judy Stoak) standing in front of our train station – ready to lead the parade!

MIFFLINTOWN LIONS

Mifflintown Lions Club Monday November 4 had as a speaker, Chelsea Reed. Chelsea spoke on the future of 4 Seasons Senior Center which will be located in the old Geisinger Building on Jam House Rd near Locust Grove retirement facility. With this, plus the Center in McAlisterville in the Lions Den will make using the centers much easier since both ends of Juniata Co. will have a center.



LOWER SWATARA LIONS



L: Lower Swatara Lions Club President Babette Rudick proudly welcomes our two newest members Noah Sheaffer and Rob Rusanowsky with their sponsor Lion Rob Sheaffer.

R: Lower Swatara Lions Club held their annual Community Halloween Parade on Thursday October 17, 2024 with local celebrity John Wilsbach as Grand Marshall. Wilsbach is the voice of the Middletown Blue Raiders, his alma mater. He's also the football and basketball broadcaster for Lebanon Valley College, and the General Manager of the Middletown School District's FM radio station WMSS. He was inducted into the Capital Area Chapter of the PA Sports Hall of Fame.

Photo: Grand Marshall John Wilsbach with Lower Swatara Lions Club President Babette Rudick



L: Lion Donna Sipe and Lion Don Sipe present a check from the Lower Swatara Lions Club to Middletown Home CEO Louis Vogel. Lower Swatara Lions Club has partnered with the Middletown Home to provide services for their many public activities.



Above: October is Lower Swatara Lions Club's annual food drive. We were able to provide a full pickup truck of non-perishable foods to the St Peter's Lutheran Church food bank to help restock their shelves.

Lion Bernie Sobotka, Chairman of the Lower Swatara Lions Club Food Drive, presents collected food to Sally Shonewolf, Director of the St Peter's Lutheran Church food bank.



L: Lower Swatara Lions Club will host our annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday December 6, 2024 at our clubhouse (2 Theodore Avenue, Middletown PA). Our community tree will be lit promptly at 6PM. The event will include a Carol sing along, Food trucks, carriage rides and games for kids.

Lower Swatara Lions Club is collecting gifts and supplies for our troops overseas as part of the Stockings for Soldiers campaign. **This year's donation deadline has been moved up to November 15, 2024.** If you would like to donate, we will be collecting these supplies at our clubhouse on Wednesdays from 6 PM-8PM until the November 15 deadline. Help a service person feel some "home" for Christmas and donate now.



21st Annual Stockings for Soldiers



FROM: October 7th, 2024 **TO:** December 5th, 2024

Please Help Send Some Holiday Cheer to Our Troops.

Our brave Troops in Harm's Way would love to receive stockings for the holidays.

Over the past **20 years**, our project has sent over **151,000** stockings to our deployed troops. We want to continue to let them know we are thinking of them while they are away from home and their families.

We need your help to fill their stockings with Holiday Cheer and Goodies that remind them of home.

Suggested Items:

Please see the link to our Wish List on [Amazon](#) on our website's Home Page.

- **Small Individually Packages Meals:**
TUNA, Lasagna, Beef-A-Roni Smaller package (8 oz or less)
- Chewing Gum
- Slim Jims/ Beef Jerky
- Toothbrushes & Small Toothpastes
- Small & Large Candy, chocolate is great. Candy: Christmas/ Halloween
- Snowman Soup
- Fruit Snacks
- Granola/Fruit/Break fast Bars
- Cookies/Nuts/ Pretzels/Trail Mix
Less than 12 oz. size
- Flavored drink mixes (Single Packets)
Lemonade, teas, hot cocoa, coffee
- Paperback Books (no romance novels)
- Lip Balm
- Baby Wipes
- Razors
- Ramen Noodle soup in Bricks only
No Cup of Noodles, please
- **Crew Socks**
- Toiletries & lotions (small sizes)
- Mole Skin
- Foot powder, sun block
- DVD Movies & Music CDs
- Pocket games & puzzles, Pens
- Fly Swatters
- Crossword, Sudoku Puzzles
- Beanie Babies
- Letters of Appreciation from children

No aerosol cans No bars of soap No hand sanitizer, please.

Holiday Greeting Cards!!! Send a Personal Holiday Messages of Support & Friendship. (Include return address/email, you might hear back from a soldier. **Limit: 100 cards per person**)

PAXTANG LIONS



L: Guest speaker Lion Bill Best, district eyeglass chairman is shown with Paxtang Lions President Elaine Knehr. He enlightened the Paxtang Lions on the proper sorting of donated glasses. He encouraged placing collection boxes at various locations and noted most glasses are sent to other countries for distribution to those in need.

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP LIONS

R: Our club continues to grow!! New members Sharon Sowers, sponsored by Lion John Petrina; and Julie Allen, sponsored by Lion Brenda Fernsler were inducted by PDG Kathy Fouse.



Above: **FIRST RESPONDERS' RECOGNITION** – Our Club held their annual Firefighters and EMT Recognition during Fire Prevention Week. Recipients were presented plaques that read, "In recognition of outstanding and dedicated service to the citizens of Lower Paxton Township." (l-r) Linglestown FC presenter Jason Hoffman, recipient Josh Brown; Paxtonia FC presenter Larry Stepansky, recipient Jesse Skrobak; Colonial Park FC recipient Marlene Cosner, presenter Tim Pramik; and Lion Bill Minsker, program organizer. Brian Dunn of the South Central EMS was presented at a later date.

LANDISBURG LIONS



Above: Landisburg Lions Club recently provided donations to the Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank and Join Hands Ministry. The donations were profits from their recent bingo fundraiser.

Pictured (left) are food bank representative, Kathy Burkholder and Landisburg Lions Belinda Mullen and Carrie Byers.

Pictured (right) are Lions Deke and Cathy Gilbert and Join Hands Ministry Director of Client Service, Brooke Haas.



These Landisburg Lions are talking trash again, and they're not happy about it. However, twice a year, these people hike up and down roads in and about Landisburg to locate discarded "treasures". The Landisburg Lions have been doing this service for many years, spearheaded by Lions Carl and Nancy Myers. Missing from this picture are Lions Mike Lyons, Cathy Gilbert and Shelly Wertz. [#landisburglionshelpingothers](https://www.instagram.com/landisburglionshelpingothers)

EAST HANOVER LIONS

The East Hanover Lions Club held a “Dancing Through the Decades” dance on Saturday, October 12 at the East Hanover Twp Building with Tony Bennett as the DJ. It was a fun night of dancing! Food was available for purchase and door prizes were awarded. Proceeds from the dance will be used to purchase clothing for children in need. Thanks to everyone who attended and made this a fun evening!



*Lower Swatara Lions Club
Spaghetti Dinner*



*November 16th
3pm - Until Sold Out
2 Theodore Ave
Middletown PA, 17057*

*All meals are \$9
Includes- Salad & Roll
Spaghetti, W/ Meatballs &
Dessert,*



Lower Swatara Lions Club will host their Drive Up/Take out Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday November 16, 2024 at their clubhouse (2 Theodore Avenue) from 3PM to 6 PM. Dinners are \$9 and include spaghetti and meatballs, bread, salad and dessert



Rouzerville Lions Club
and Rouzerville Business Association
presents a

**Holiday Children's
Magic Show** featuring 
The Wacky Wizard 

Rouzerville Community Center
(formerly the Rouzerville Ruritan)

Sunday, December 1, 2024
2:00 p.m.

(doors open at 1:00 p.m.)

Admission: Donations Gladly Accepted

***Bicycles & assorted toys
to be given away.***

Must be present to win.

VISION RESOURCES

VISION RESOURCES
OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA'S
13TH ANNUAL BLINDNESS
AWARENESS EVENT



*An Evening
in the
Shadows*

THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 7, 2024
6:00 P.M.

GREYSTONE BREW HOUSE
303 GOLF CLUB AVENUE,
DILLSBURG, PA 17019

Please visit www.vrocp.org to
purchase your ticket

An Evening in the Shadows is a unique event in which guests, wearing adjustable lightweight **blindfolds**, are served a **five-course meal** paired with **fine wines** while enjoying **live entertainment**. This awareness event offers participants the experience of dining through the eyes and senses of someone who is visually impaired.

All guests must be 21 or older.

Remember to indicate any food allergies or dietary restrictions for all attendees.

*Ticket price is \$100 a guest
This sell out event has limited seating!*

Proceeds from this event directly benefit the programs and services of Vision Resources of Central Pennsylvania.

Requested attire is business casual.
There will be a **"blind"** raffle at the event.

Please visit www.vrocp.org to reserve
your ticket, or call Chloe Miller at
717.238.2531 to learn more