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**PA DISTRICT 14-T  
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**A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR NATE**

Dear Lions of District 14-T,



I can't believe it's December already — where has the time gone? As we wrap up the year, I want to take a moment to commend you all on your incredible dedication to service, especially during this festive season. From Christmas Tree Lightings, Santa Visits, and Santa Hotlines to Christmas Shops and generous donations of food and items to

those in need, your efforts embody the true spirit of Lions. Thank you for making such a positive impact in your communities!

I'd like to remind everyone of our goal to improve communication across the district by having clubs send their events to their Zone Chairs so that we can share them district-wide. We've done the preliminary legwork to get this initiative ready, and we're planning to hit the ground running hard in January. Let's make 2025 a year of connection, collaboration, and even more success!

Speaking of connection, don't forget about the Traveling Gavel! I haven't seen much movement on them lately, and I'd love to see them making their way through the district. These gavels are a great way to encourage club visits, foster camaraderie, and promote the sharing of ideas. Let's bring this fun tradition to life!

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season. Thank you for your service, and here's to a wonderful year ahead!

Yours in service,  
Nathan Pfister

**January Newsletter deadline is  
January 3rd.**

**Please email your articles & club  
information to  
Lion Fay Watson at  
[faydy320@gmail.com](mailto:faydy320@gmail.com)  
Thank you!**



## MESSAGE FROM 2VDG JOEL

After visiting nineteen Lions Club with the District Governor team so far this Lions year (sorry I couldn't be with the other two visits) I did learn few things.

The first of these was how to get to and from Perry and Juniata Counties. I have done considerable travel throughout the years but was never in these counties before. Next, I faced navigating in Dauphin County. The second is no two clubs operate quite the same way. And thirdly a lot of Lions and their supporters like chicken BBQ!

But maybe the major learning experience was hearing how busy and involved some clubs are in helping and interacting with their communities yet we never hear from the clubs. All service projects should be entered into the Lions Portal soon after the completion of the project, These reports not complete until the little box marked "Report" is marked. If you are having problems with any reporting let us know. There is help available, remember Lions want other Lions to succeed. Most of us are learning the same as everyone else.

We are surprisingly enough now into our sixth month of the Lions year. Soon the District will be seeking Lions willing to step up into leadership positions for the next few years. And there are a few open positions still this year. There are several learning oaths available.

Most of all, remember to tell those around you of Lions Clubs and what we can do with their assistance.

2VDG Joel Leckron

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### CONVENTION CHAIR NEEDED!

Dear Lions of District 14-T,

We are still looking for a Convention Chair (or Co-Chairs) for our upcoming district convention. This position is primarily about coordinating all things convention-related and helping to bring everything together. The good news is that many pieces are already in motion, and several Lions have stepped up to handle individual aspects such as the basket raffle, sergeant at arms, and elections.

Even more exciting, the venue and date are already set, and the International Family is assisting with securing a speaker. What we need now is one or two dedicated individuals to take the lead on supervising and organizing the planning meetings to make this convention a success.

If you are interested in stepping into this role, please let me know as soon as possible so we can get the planning underway. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve your district and play a key role in making our convention an event to remember.

Thank you for all you do, and I look forward to hearing from some willing volunteers!

Yours in service,  
Nathan Pfister

**2024-2025 14-T DISTRICT MEETINGS**

**#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

**#4 – APRIL 5, 2025 - DISTRICT 14-T CONVENTION**

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

**MULTIPLE DISTRICT 14 STATE CONVENTION**

April 30 -May 4, 2025 Scranton Hilton



**NEW MEMBERS  
November 2024**

SHERMANSDALE LIONS  
DALE PFEIL

**DECEASED MEMBERS  
November 2024**

LOWER PAXTON TWP LIONESSE LIONS SANDRA BENDER	MOUNT PARNELL LIONS MELVIN BURKHOLDER PHILIP SCHAFF
NEW BLOOMFIELD LIONS EDWARD ALBRIGHT	PENBROOK LIONS SYLVIA MUMMERT



**PICS FROM THE NOVEMBER DISTRICT MEETING**







PEACE POSTER 1st Prize went to:  
Molly Daniel age 13 submitted by the  
Path Valley Lions Club (astronaut poster)



PEACE POSTER 2nd Prize went to:  
Aniyah Varner age 12 submitted by  
Richfield Lions Club (flags poster)



**A FEW PICS FROM PA COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING**



Below: Screenshots from presentation showing how PA Lions provided disaster relief to fellow Pennsylvanians who were victims of the Hurricane Debby floods.



***Sign Up Today - Space Is Limited!***



# **RLLI**



## **REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**



**March 7-9, 2025**

**Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg/Hershey**



**PA LIONS**

**MD 14**

### **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**

*Contact Your District Governor*

*Or*

*PDG Kerry McKnight*

*md14glt-learn@yahoo.com*

*Space Is Limited!*

*\$175 Per Lion*

*Meals & Rooms Included*





# MD-14 REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

MARCH 7-9, 2025-Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg, PA

## CANDIDATE'S REGISTRATION FORM

Cost \$175.00 (includes Institute, lodging and meals)

Checks should accompany this form and be made out to "PA State Council of Lions Clubs"

Mail to: PDG Kerry McKnight, 6 Mulberry Lane, New Freedom, PA 17349

All questions to PDG Kerry McKnight at klm52@aol.com or 717-235-2790

**(Past participants, District Governors, Past District Governors ineligible)**

Submission Deadline Date: January 31, 2025 (No refunds after deadline) Maximum 40 attendees

**Please type or print CLEARLY!**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

District Number \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Lions Office Held \_\_\_\_\_ Current Lion's Title \_\_\_\_\_

Email\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please Type or Print CLEARLY! Email is used for ALL Communication regarding the institute**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name/Number \_\_\_\_\_ Month/Year Joined \_\_\_\_\_

Offices Held Within Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Positions Held Within Club \_\_\_\_\_

Why is this institute of interest to you?

\_\_\_\_\_

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**By signing below I hereby commit to the conditions of attending the 2025 MD-14 RLLI**

- **Let us know if there are any special dietary considerations we should be aware of?**
- Participants are responsible for arranging their own travel to and from the institute.
- Participants must stay at the hotel throughout the institute.
- MD-14 GLT will make all hotel reservations. (Do not call the hotel.)
- Participants are required to stay through 3:00 p.m. on the last day of the institute.
- If they depart prior to 3:00 p.m. on the last day, they will not receive an acknowledgement pin nor their RLLI participation certificate.
- Participants may bring a laptop for use outside of the classroom.
- Participants are required to complete pre-assignments prior to arrival at the institute.

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**District Governor Must also Complete and Sign this Form**

In what ways will this candidate benefit from attending the Regional Lions Leadership Institute.

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District Governor Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of District Governor \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of District Governor \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_





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).

<b>Lower Paxton Township Lions Club - \$505.00</b> <b>Greene Township Lions Club - \$2155.00</b> <b>Paxtang Lions Club - \$1,116.00</b> <b>New Bloomfield Lions Club - \$578.86</b> <b>Lower Paxton Twp. Lioness/Lions Club - \$650.00</b> <b>Waynesboro Lions Club - \$427.65</b> <b>Ickesburg Lions Club - \$212.73</b> <b>Landisburg Lions Club - \$3,443.85</b>	<b>East Hanover Lions Club - \$711.00</b>
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**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](mailto: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
<b>TOTAL:</b>	

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.





# 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:janpdg@gmail.com)  
Lion Denise Heck, Board member [deniseheck@comcast.net](mailto:deniseheck@comcast.net)

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

*Sir Winston Churchill*

## District 14-T KidSight Project



Dear Lions of 14-T,

The Lions year 2023-2024 noted 8 screening events with 4 of these events being multi-day events! In total we screened 366 children with 31 referred for further eye evaluation. Our District is unique, in that we also offer hearing screening at our KidSight events. These programs have been well accepted at our local school districts and Day Cares particularly in Perry County.

Your donations to the KidSight project help us to maintain the eye and hearing equipment and obtain supplies. Please consider continuing your donations to KidSight for this year, 2024-2025. It is so important that our children feel confident when starting kindergarten!

We are grateful for the leadership and guidance of our Chairperson, Lion Ed Albright of the New Bloomfield Lions. Lion Ed passed away after a short illness on Oct. 28, 2024. He is truly missed by all those he touched.

He was compassionate about the children and making sure they had all they needed for success in school.

The District is currently looking for a KidSight Chairperson to continue this mission in our District. We will be screening the Generations Day Cares in Perry County in December and Greenwood Elementary has requested screening for March 2025.

Please contact DG Nate Pfister or a member of his cabinet if you would like to be part of this rewarding project! Contact PDG Peg Hummel, [peghum@gmail.com](mailto:peghum@gmail.com), with any questions about the job description for this position.

R: Lion Ed Albright on the left receiving a Melvin Jones Fellow. He is with Lion Joe Burget and PDG Dave McCluskey.





## District 14-T Disaster Fund



Dear Lions of 14-T,

We are again in the fire season for the year. People turning on furnaces and fireplaces for the first time. Our District Disaster fund has helped 9 families over the past year with grants of \$1000.00 per family. We are very proud to be able to offer a little relief to those in need.

We cannot do this without the participation of our Clubs and the Disaster Committee thanks everyone for all generous donations to this fund in the District Governor's projects.

We ask that you continue to make these generous donations so we may continue to help make a Lions Impact in this way, in our communities.

**All clubs have access to these funds to help a family in need in your community!**

Please contact any or our committee members with questions or a request for the District form needed to start the process.

Serving Together,

Lion Kim Hummel, Chair, [kimhummel66@gmail.com](mailto:kimhummel66@gmail.com)

Lion Laurie Hoyer, [steelers24@aol.com](mailto:steelers24@aol.com)

PDG Dennis Alleman, [dralleman@embarqmail.com](mailto:dralleman@embarqmail.com)

Lion Lynda Krieger, [krieger.l@aol.com](mailto:krieger.l@aol.com)



Contact: Cindy Mellinger  
Blue Ridge  
Email: [cmellinger@brctv.com](mailto:cmellinger@brctv.com)  
Phone: 717.733.6006 ext. 2551

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Lower Swatara Lions Club Recruits Community Groups to Support Keystone Military Families Soldiers For Soldiers

December 2, 2024 – Lower Swatara Lions Club, consisting of 45 members is actively involved in their community, sponsoring an annual Easter Egg Hunt, food drive, Halloween Parade, and several local high school scholarships.

The Club has participated in Stockings For Soldiers for the past two years, but this year when they requested information from their previous program sponsor, they were informed that they were no longer participating. The Lions felt that the local community had embraced this project so well that they decided to continue their support. Past President Jeff Eberts contacted the national organization who directed him to Cindy Mellinger from Blue Ridge for assistance.

In organizing this effort, the Lions reached out to the community and enlisted the aid of several other groups. Highspire VFW Post 8638, under Commander Susan McMurray supplied manpower, materials and a location for the stocking filling assembly. Susquehanna River Reactors softball/baseball team joined with the VFW to acquire goodies for the service people and to assemble additional stockings. Lower Swatara Lions Club accepted goodies and gifts from a community drive and recruited Central Penn Chaos softball team to assist club members with stocking filling. “Through everyone’s efforts, we were able to fill over 750 stockings for distribution to our service personnel,” stated **Lion Jack Rudick** (Secretary-Lower Swatara Lions Club). “Our club feels this is a great project and we look forward to participating again next year. Our goal next year is 1,000 stockings.”

Cindy Mellinger, Central PA Coordinator for KMF Stockings for Soldiers, and Marketing & Community Relations Coordinator for Blue Ridge stated, “We are extremely grateful to the Lower Swatara Lions Club and the other fine community organizations for their support, dedication, and compassion. Sending these heartfelt packages to our men and women serving overseas would not be possible without their generosity. We truly value their partnership, and feel these gift-filled packages of love will bring a smile to our men and women, knowing they are remembered and thought of with love and appreciation every day, and especially at this very special time of year.”

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### About Blue Ridge:

For nearly three decades, Blue Ridge Communications has been a driving force in advancing connectivity across Pennsylvania. With high-speed internet and cutting-edge fiber services, Blue Ridge ensures that families stay connected and small businesses remain at the forefront – now, and well into the future. Its unwavering commitment is centered on the relentless pursuit of innovation, coupled with its role as an active community partner, where it continuously strives to enhance the quality of life within the regions it proudly serves. For a more comprehensive understanding of Blue Ridge’s mission and a detailed look at its product offerings, you’re invited to explore its website at [brctv.com](http://brctv.com), where the pursuit of excellence meets the spirit of community engagement.

### About Keystone Military Families:

KMF’s mission is to provide caring support for our troops, our veterans, and their families. Located in Shoemakersville, PA, Keystone Military Families is 100% funded through public donations. For more information, please visit [keystonemilitaryfamilies.com](http://keystonemilitaryfamilies.com). *(See photos on next page...)*



## LOWER SWATARA LIONS Cont'd...



Above: Regional Stockings For Soldiers coordinator Eric Johnston congratulates Lower Swatara Lions Club Stockings For Soldiers co-chairs Tom Schanbacher and John Rowan. Over 760 stockings were assembled through coordination by the Lower Swatara Lions Club for shipment to our service people for the holidays. Special thanks from Lower Swatara Lions Club goes out to Highspire VFW Post 8638 under Cmdr Susan McMurray, Central Penn Chaos Softball team, Susquehanna River Reactors softball/baseball team and all of the individuals who donated time and materials for our service people.

R: Lower Swatara Lions Club President Babette Rudick honors Henry Lawrence, son of Laura & Jeff Lawrence of Middletown as the Lower Swatara Lions Club's Middle School Student of the Quarter. Henry received a check and Lions Club certificate for his achievement.



## LANDISBURG LIONS

The Landisburg Lions Club recently learned of a Landisburg area family who lost everything in a house fire. When notified, the club immediately reached out to the family and presented them with a monetary donation to help them with their urgent needs. The club also began the process for providing disaster assistance through the Lions District 14-T Disaster Recovery Fund.

The Landisburg Lions Club, along with all Lions, live their motto of, "We Serve".



Pictured are Landisburg Lion Duane Dietz, Co- Chairperson of the club's Disaster Relief Committee, Mr. David Wilt, and Lion Christina Baum, current club president.



Pictured are Landisburg Lion Duane Dietz, Mr. David Wilt, and Lion Larry Baum. The Lions pictured are co-chairs of the club's Disaster Relief Committee.



## WEST PERRY LEOS

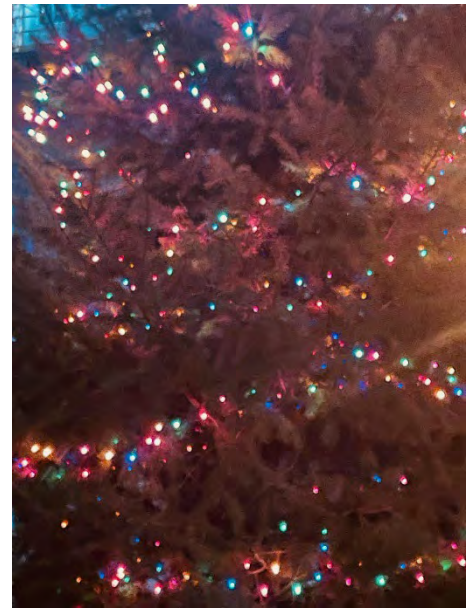
West Perry Leo's celebrated the field hockey members of the club on their recent PIAA championship!!



## PAXTANG LIONS CLUB



Paxtang Elementary students entertained the crowd with Christmas songs at the Paxtang Tree Lighting.



The tree was beautiful!



A beautiful Christmas tree, cookies, hot chocolate and singing – the Paxtang Lions brought the Christmas season to the Paxtang community!



**MIFFLINTOWN LIONS**



L: Mifflintown Lions honored Ed Fraker for his many years of service both as a Lion and in many other community organizations. Pictured family members surrounding his wife Lettie are grandchildren Maddie, Michael, Lexi, and Tyler, and daughter Rebecca Rhine. Son Justin and wife Melissa.

Below: Check presentations to United Way, Historical Society, Library, and Food Pantry from the Mifflintown Lion's Club. Each organization was presented with a check for \$500.00 from our recent Fall Chicken BBQ. Lion Andy Winder represented the Club.





## EAST HANOVER LIONS

The East Hanover Lions presented gift cards to East Hanover Elementary and Northern Lebanon Elementary Schools. This service project is one we do to help children in need. We use the proceeds from our Dancing Through the Decades dance which was held in October.



Lion Linda presented the gift cards to East Hanover Elementary PTO President Michelle. They will be used to purchase clothing for children in need as needed throughout the year.



Lion Linda presented gift cards to the Northern Lebanon Elementary Guidance Counselor Kirsten. The gift cards will be used to purchase clothing for children on their Angel Tree. We were happy we could assist the schools with children in need.



On Tuesday, November 26, District Governor Nate Pfizer, 1st Vice District Governor Barb Dudek, and Zone Chair Linda Krieger visited our Club at our dinner meeting at Perkins Restaurant. A discussion was held and we shared our activities and service projects with them. President Josie presented a check to the District Governor Nate to be used for his projects.

## WAYNESBORO LIONS

### "950 for 95th Waynesboro Lions Club Anniversary"

What started out as just a goal of 950 diaper donations to commemorate the Waynesboro Lions Club's 95th Anniversary grew into something "BIGGER!"

"Did you know SNAP and WIC may not be used to purchase diapers. Many families in need may struggle to afford diapers for their children. Last year WCHS distributed 1,296 packs of diapers, 102 packs of pull-ups, and 384 packs of baby wipes to 112 different households throughout our community service area." (quote by WCHS)

The donated diapers by the club members were to restock the depleted Waynesboro Community and Human Services (WCHS) Diaper Bank. Our club's generous donations amounted to 1,490 diapers and 20 packs of baby wipes to stock their Diaper Bank for 2025.

Thanks so much, club members, for the "BIG/BIGGER" celebration of our 95th Waynesboro Lions Club Anniversary. May we be around for another 95 years. LIONS--WE SERVE!!



L: Waynesboro Lions Club,  
PDG Lee Eisenhard.

R: Waynesboro Community and  
Human Services.





## PENBROOK LEOS

Penbrook Leos conducted the Manna Food Drive & Fundraiser on Wednesday, Nov. 27th, 2024 from 11:00 am until 4:30 pm. Leos placed boxes at the community building for food drop-offs, and collected money during the event. All food items were promptly delivered to Manna Director, Sue Zitto. Leos will present a check to Ms. Zitto on December 3rd. Ms. Zitto thanked the Leos.

