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

Dear Lions of District 14-T,



Happy New Year! January marks not only the start of a new calendar year but also the halfway point of our Lions year. As we reflect on the first half, I want to share some numbers that highlight where we stand and where we need to focus. Currently, our district has 1,132 members—a net loss of 31 members so far this year. We’ve dropped 55 members and added only 24 new ones.

Membership is a key focus from Lions International, and we need to start thinking creatively and proactively about how we can turn these numbers around. Unfortunately, in some communities, there’s still a perception of Lions Clubs as being just “old guys eating dinner together.” If we are to survive and thrive in the modern era, we need to shift this perception and adapt.

To do this, we must be open to throwing out what we think we know and start engaging with clubs that have successfully attracted younger members. What are they doing differently? What can we learn from them?

I believe it’s time to challenge the misconception that younger generations don’t want to serve. On the contrary, younger people are just as motivated to serve, but they approach service in new and different ways. While continuing long-standing traditions and projects is important, we also need to explore the unmet needs in our communities—needs that the younger generation may already see and want to address.

Let’s embrace this opportunity for growth and change. Start conversations in your clubs about ways to attract new members, especially younger ones. Be willing to adapt and take on new initiatives that resonate with them. Together, we can build stronger, more diverse clubs that will carry Lions forward for generations to come.

Thank you for all you do, and here’s to a successful second half of the Lions year!

Yours in service,  
Nathan Pfister



**February Newsletter deadline is  
February 3rd.**

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

## MESSAGE FROM 1VDG BARB

Greeting Lions and Leos of District 14-T,

Here we are six months before the 2024-2025 Lions Year ends. All of you have been busy with your service projects and fund raising. Let's keep them going and end the year on a strong note! Remember our District Cabinet is here to help in any way we can. Just give us a call or send an email, to include you Zone chairs. Consider reaching out to Lions in different clubs in your area. District 14-T has a wealth of knowledge.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025 TO DISTRICT 14-T

Yours In Service,  
1VDG Lion Barb Dudek

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## MESSAGE FROM 2VDG JOEL

So far this winter the weather has been fairly decent but as I write this, we face some snow this Monday. I hope we are all prepared.

Are we as Lions prepared? LCI wants all members, clubs, zone, districts to succeed and has prepared readily accessible online training courses for many positions including Club President, Treasurer, Secretary, and even Tail Twister. These can be found in the **Lion Portal** under **Learn**. Some courses are assigned to those currently in positions, while some are for anyone. All Lions are encouraged to sign into the **Lion Portal** and use its many facets to help us serve better.

Are we prepared to move on? Have you informed any one of your desire to accept a position outside the local Club? There are opportunities available, many not really visible but necessary. We won't know until you let us know.

2VDG Joel Leckron

**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  
December 2024**

NEW BLOOMFIELD LIONS KIM M WOMER	SHERMANSDALE LIONS EARL BECHTAL
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**DECEASED MEMBERS  
December 2024**

FAYETTE LIONS GARY PAGE	LURGAN TWP LIONS ELDON WINGERT
SHERMANS DALE LIONS DAVID A SCHOCK	



**PA STATE PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNERS**



1st Place – Dhriti Patel, District 14-K



2nd Place – Hannah Choi, District 14-A



3rd Place - Madison Sevier, District 14-C

***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>East Hanover Lions Club - \$711.00</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>	

\*\*\*\*\*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](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

- 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
- 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  
WORK WEEKEND INFO

This April is a busy month. Each weekend has our attention. The first weekend April 5 is our District Convention, then the next two weekends are Palm Sunday and Easter. The last weekend is our focal point.

Each spring Beacon Lodge has two work weekends scheduled. This year they are the first and last weekends in April. **Our District is joining with District N to participate in the last weekend, April 24-27, 2025.** Thursday the 24th is included since District N Lions travel from western Pa. north of Pittsburgh. We are making plans for District to join Friday morning through Sunday noon, the entire time or a major portion.

We at present do not know what work we will face, but it will not be real strenuous. A lot depends on what winter weather does. We are planning on arriving Friday morning and staying overnight wherever the camp has room, and eating in the dining room - up to five meals.

Final arrangements are ahead of us, but we have informed them we are helping. I would appreciate each club letting me know preliminary count of those Lions who will plan on being there and how long. We can start early Friday morning and leave Sunday afternoon. If you would send that info to me at [joelleckron@gmail.com](mailto:joelleckron@gmail.com) by the District Meeting in February I would appreciate it, this is preliminary to help us plant final count and tally can wait until the District Convention April 5.

In the meantime I will be in contact with the camp staff and the District N Board of Directors member to work out the details. I will keep you updated via newsletter articles.

The Camp is our camp.

2VDG Joel Leckron, District 14-T 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 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*

**PDG JOHN MALLONEE for INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**



**PDG John Mallonee**  
for International Director  
**Hospitality Invitation**  
**Friday, January 31, 2025**  
**Red Lion Hotel**  
**Room 327**  
**8:30-10:00pm**

Snacks and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. Bring your ideas and fellowship.

**Club Experience**

PDG John has been a member of the Hershey Lions since 2000. He has been his club's President twice, Club Secretary, and Membership Chairperson. He has been named Lion of the Year twice by his club.

**District Experience**

At the district level, PDG John has served as GMT Chairperson, NAMI/GMA Champion, IT Chairperson, and District Secretary.

**Multiple District Experience**

PDG John developed the current PA Lions website and serves as an IT coordinator. He also developed and maintains the PA Counselors website. He has been an instructor at 3 Regional Lions Leadership Institutes (RLLI) and 3 Vice District Governor Retreats to help develop our multiple district leaders.

**LCI Board Committees**

**Leadership Committee**

PDG John hopes to leverage his experience with developing multiple groups of district and multiple-district leaders and as accredited Lion of the Lions Certified Instructor Program (LCIP).

**Membership Committee**

His personal experience in helping to start 4 Lions Clubs and as GMT and NAMI/GMA Champion are a strong foundation for prospective work on this committee.

**Technology Committee**

He is excited to apply his 40 years in IT and active participation with technology at the club, district, and multiple district level in making decisions as a member of the Technology committee.

**Personal**

PDG John has been a member of the Hershey Lions Club in District 14-T since 2000. He and his partner-in-service Lion Kelly have been married for 39 years, and they are both Melvin Jones Fellows. Beyond Lions, he sings with his church choir, is a performer in local community theater, is a long-distance runner, having run 55 half marathons and 7 full marathons, is a semi-retired IT professional, co-hosts a Disney podcast, and has 3 apps on the Apple App Store. As a volunteer, he served for 7 years on the Board of Vision Resources of Central PA, including two years as Board Chairperson.



*Lion Kelly and PDG John*

**Summary**

PDG John has extensive experience as a Lion in areas that will help him to contribute at the international level. He is a seasoned speaker with numerous national speaking engagements and has been active in leading a large, charitable organization as Board Member and Board Chair. Finally, he has the enthusiasm and energy necessary to represent the Lions of Constitutional Area I and to be an ambassador for Lions International.



Lions Resumé



**FIRE UP!  
GROWING LIONS WORKSHOPS**



**Growing Lions Workshops** are here to supercharge your leadership journey! These sessions are packed with fresh ideas and proven strategies to grow our clubs and energize existing ones. They're more than just workshops—they're the tools that will help you and your team inspire action and fuel success across your district. New Lions Clubs bring innovation, energy, and positivity that lift us all. When we collaborate as Vice District Governors, Global Action Team members, and Zone Chairs, we show that growth is a team effort—because working together makes us unstoppable.

Ready to jump in? Here's how:

☀️ **Register for the Growing Lions Workshops:** [Click here!](#)

📅 Sessions are virtual and start at **8 PM EST** on:

- Wednesday, January 8
- Wednesday, January 22
- Wednesday, February 5

🎯 **Advance registration is required!** Once you sign up, you'll get a confirmation email with everything you need to join.

Let's make 2025 a year of action, growth, and unstoppable energy. Together, we'll lead Lions Clubs into a future filled with purpose and success! 🐾



## 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)

## MIFFLINTOWN LIONS

R: Mifflintown Lions Club Christmas program with Ruth Hunter on the Harp.



## BLAIN LIONS

L: At the annual Christmas Dinner, Blain Lions President Lion Dave Rice awarded the Lion of the Year award to Lion Carl Smith.

## NEW BLOOMFIELD LIONS

R: Melvin Jones fellow presented to Lion Nathan Mohler by PDG Dave McCluskey .



## EAST HANOVER LIONS

East Hanover Lions had a busy December with holiday events. On December 5 they decorated for the Autumn Leaves Senior group in East Hanover Township Bldg. They provided flowers, door prizes and candy bars to the seniors.



Above: East Hanover Lions assisted the EH Park and Rec with Breakfast with Santa and 170 meals were served at the EH Twp building. The Lions provided coloring books to the children also. Everyone had fun seeing Santa too!

Below: The East Hanover Lions assisted the DAR group with placing wreaths at Ft Indiantown Gap for Wreaths Across America. It is always a rewarding experience.





**EAST HANOVER LIONS Cont'd**

On Saturday, December 7, they attended the American Music Theatre in Lancaster for The Joy to the World show. It was a great show of music and dancing. It always puts you in the holiday spirit! They go out to dinner after the show to the Lyndon Diner.





## RICHFIELD LIONS CLUB

Richfield Lions Club recognized the Peace Poster Contest winners on December 19th at our Christmas meeting. The Peace Poster Contest theme this year was "Peace without Limits"

There were 15 posters received from East Juniata and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place was awarded.

1st place — Aniyah Varner

2nd place — Sarah Strickhouser

3rd place — Matthew Corman

The 1st place poster was sent to the District 14T contest and won 2nd place at districts!



L: 1st Place winner Aniyah Varner with Club President, Lion Emilie.



R: 2nd Place winner Sarah Strickhouser with Club President, Lion Emilie.



L: 3rd Place winner Matthew Corman with Club President, Lion Emilie.

**RICHFIELD LIONS Cont'd**

The Richfield Lions served 218 people at our Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner on New Years Day.





**RICHFIELD LIONS Cont'd**

As an appreciation for everyone coming out and supporting us we gave a knife set away to every 50th meal purchased! The three Knife Set Winners, the fourth winner (not pictured) was Lion Dolly Meiser.



Below: At our meeting on January 2nd, we presented the awards to our scholarship recipients from the two High Schools in which we serve.



East Juniata High School recipient, Clark Ritzman with Club President Emilie.



Middle-West High School recipient, Kyle Beward with Club President Emilie.

Strike Up Some Fun

2025  
5052



DISTRICT 14-T  
**LION'S**

**B**  **BOWL**



**A-RAMA** *for*

**DIABETES RESEARCH**

*Saturday* **March 15th**

▶▶ **\$20** *Donation to Bowl* from 1pm-3:30pm

*at* **ABC NORTH LANES**  
5303 LOCUST LANE, HBG 17109



• DOOR PRIZES - RAFFLES • Concession Stand, Bar, Arcade available •



email: **LION DON HOLMES** at  
***dholmes@westhanover.com***  
**TO RESERVE YOUR LANE AT ABC NORTH LANES**





*District 14-T*  
**DIABETES  
 BOWL-A-RAMA**



**INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR SHEET**

REGION \_\_\_\_\_ *Bowl Date* **MARCH 15, 2025**  
**1:00pm - 3:30pm** *Saturday*

\_\_\_\_\_ BOWLERS NAME REPRESENTING CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORS NAME	TOTAL \$\$ PLEDGED	TOTAL \$\$ PAID

**ABC North Lanes** →  
 5303 Locust Ln, Harrisburg, PA 17109  
 (717) 545-4254



\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL MONEY COLLECTED

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ AMOUNT ENCLOSED

*We Serve through Bowling!* **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION IN THIS WORTHWHILE PROJECT!**  
 Please make checks payable to District 14-T Bowl-A-Rama

Diabetic Retinopathy is the leading cause of Blindness in adults today. Lions are dedicated to eradicating Blindness and have been involved with Diabetes awareness since 1984. Money raised through this Bowlathon will stay in our area and will be distributed through grants to local health facilities to educate individuals about Diabetes. Grants also ae given to Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center for research to furthur help understand the disease and hopefully find a cure.

# Month in Review

*From the Desk of the CEO*  
-December 2024

## *2025 Goals for the New Year*

- **Grow VR Business Services**

The business to business division of VROCP benefits the communities we serve in two ways. It generates 85% of the funding we need to provide services. It also allows us to offer jobs to individuals with disabilities who do not qualify for competitive employment elsewhere.

- **Raise Awareness**

We want everyone in the four counties we serve to know of our services and have access to them as needed.

- **Create a New and more Accessible Website**

Anyone should be able to access information about our organization. With a better functioning website, we can better get information out to the community.



Stay in touch with us... [www.vrocp.org](http://www.vrocp.org)