

## District 14 D- Details

### A Message from District Governor Mike Schaeffer



Fellow Lions and LEOS!

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for each of you and the incredible impact you've had through your hard work and dedication to our volunteer organization. Your unwavering commitment has touched countless lives and made our community stronger.

I want to take this moment to express my heartfelt thanks for your selfless contributions. Your passion for making a positive difference has been the driving force behind our success. Your dedication has not gone unnoticed, and I am truly inspired by the positive change we've accomplished together.

As we enter the new year, I encourage you to carry that same passion forward. Let's not only celebrate our past achievements but also look ahead with a renewed sense of purpose. Your continued pursuit of your passions within our organization will undoubtedly lead to even greater accomplishments.

Together, we have the power to create lasting change and inspire others to join our cause. Your hard work has laid the foundation for a brighter future, and I am confident that the coming year will bring even more opportunities for us to make a meaningful impact.

Thank you for your tireless efforts, dedication, and the heart you bring to our volunteer family. Here's to a new year filled with continued growth, fulfillment, and the joy that comes from knowing we are making a difference.

Happy New Year, and let's continue to make a positive impact together!

District Governor Mike Schaeffer





# 2023-2024 District 14-D Governor's Service Champion Club Challenge



Begins: July 1, 2023 – Ends: June 30, 2024

All clubs in District 14-D are encouraged to participate. The winning club from each Region will receive a District 14-D Service Champion Plaque. Additionally, the President of the winning clubs will be able to select one member to receive a Lions of Pennsylvania Fellowship. Note: The tiebreaker will be the club with the most net positive increase between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024. (All clubs have an equal chance to win)

*Please complete and return this form to District Governor Mike Schaeffer no later than July 10, 2024. All 7 of these categories must be complete to be eligible.*

*Monthly Membership reported each month in MyLCI. \*\* Minimum 75% completion*

Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun

*A minimum of 1 Service Activity reported in MyLion every month. (Sign in to report your club meeting and all service activity. Meetings count as a service activity.) \*\*Minimum 75% completion*

Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun

*Submit Club information (photos, upcoming events, service projects, etc.) to the newsletter by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding the upcoming newsletter. \*\*5 submission min.*

Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun

*At least one member from the club must attend a minimum of one zone meeting.*

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Zone meeting: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

*At least one member from the club must attend a minimum of one District Cabinet meeting.*

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Cabinet meeting: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

*Donate 100% of the District Governor's requested contributions of \$64/member as allocated in District Directory. Club membership is based on membership totals as of July 1, 2023.*

*The club must achieve a Net +1 membership growth as of June 20, 2024, as reported on MyLCI.*

July 1, 2023, Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ June 20, 2024, Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

**I VERIFY THAT THE \_\_\_\_\_ LIONS CLUB HAS MET, OR EXCEEDED, ALL 7 OF THESE GOALS.**

**SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mail to: DG Mike Schaeffer**

**Email to: mschae2813@gmail.com**

**2813 Southwick Drive**

**Lancaster, PA 17601**



# District Governor's New Member Challenge



## Challenge #1: Begins July 1, 2023, and Ends September 30, 2023

### Challenge #1: Zone Chairs

- Zone chair with the most NEW members in their zone, during this period, will be receive an award at their Region Rally (1 ZC award total)

### Challenge #2: Clubs

- The club within their REGION with the most NEW members, during this period, will receive an award at their region rally (5 Regions/5 awards)

### Challenge #3: Sponsors

- The sponsor from each REGION with the most NEW members, during this period, will receive an award at their region rally (5 Regions/5 awards)

***\*There will be a new member celebration at each of the region rallies. All new members and sponsors are encouraged to attend.***

## Challenge #2: Begins January 1, 2024, and Ends March 31, 2024

### Challenge #1: Zone Chairs

- Zone chair with the most NEW members in their zone, during this period, will be receive an award at the District Convention (1 ZC award total)

### Challenge #2: Clubs

- The club within their REGION with the most NEW members, during this period, will receive an award at the District Convention (5 Regions/5 awards)

### Challenge #3: Sponsors

- The sponsor from each REGION with the most NEW members, during this period, will receive an award at the District Convention (5 Regions/5 awards)

***\*There will be a new member celebration at the District Convention. All new members and sponsors are encouraged to attend.***

## Challenge #3: 2023/2024 fiscal year

### Challenge #1: Zone Chairs

- Zone chair with the most NEW members in their zone, during this period, will receive an award. (1 ZC award total)

### Challenge #2: Clubs

- The club within their REGION with the most NEW members, during this period, will receive an award. (5 Regions/5 awards)

### Challenge #3: Sponsors

- The sponsor from each REGION with the most NEW members, during this period, will receive an award. (5 Regions/5 awards)

## Message from the 1st Vice District Governor Deb Keeports

Hello Lions and Leos!

It's 2024! Happy New Year! I hope everyone was able to spend some time with family and friends over the holidays and enjoy some great food.

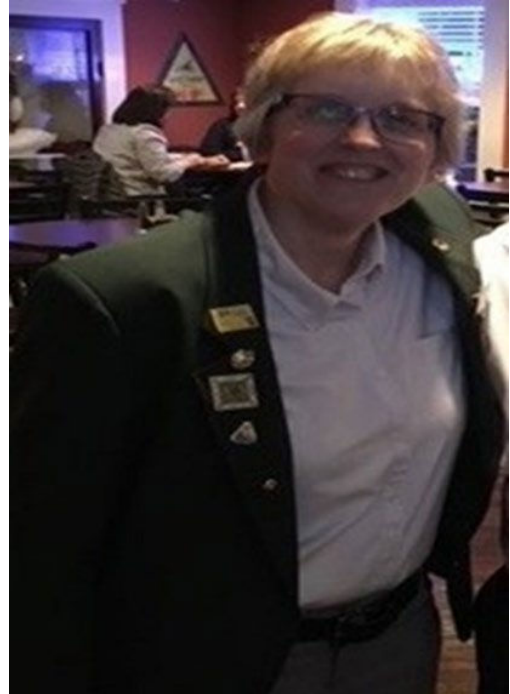
Just to let you know, I'll be attending Vice District Governor training, along with Second Vice District Governor Steve, the first weekend in January. Lots of great instructors and great information to absorb so that as we move up to become District Governor, we are ready to hit the ground running.

Have YOU considered stepping up, whether it's in your own club or at the District level? We are always looking for fresh new faces to become our next leaders. Some Lions are just natural leaders, others are what I refer to as emerging leaders. These are the individuals who have stepped up in their club to lead a new fundraiser or service project with great success or stepped up to hold an office for the first time in their club. Many of these same individuals don't see themselves as leaders or realize the potential they must be a great leader.

I know when I joined Lions as a Charter Member, I had not thought of being a Club Officer let alone a District Governor one day. I just wanted to join the greatest service organization, yet somehow, I became the Club Secretary. Many doors and opportunities have opened along my journey as a Lion which have allowed me to grow while serving as a Lion. Why am I sharing a part of my story because it can also be your story! There are SO MANY resources available to all Lions both through the Lions International website and through training that is offered at the club, district, state, and international levels. Please consider taking the first step to becoming a leader. If I can do it, YOU can do it!

As always, THANK YOU to each and every Lion in District 14-D for your service! We couldn't do it without you.

First Vice District Governor, Deb Keeports



## Message from the 2nd Vice District Governor Steve Lowe



Happy Holidays, Lions!

Once again, my message this month is going to be brief, as I am sure that everyone is still recovering from a great holiday season! I hope that everyone has had a chance to relax and rest with their families and loved ones over the holidays. January marks the beginning of many things. Obviously, the first thing that comes to mind is the beginning of the new year. With a new year comes resolutions, both personal and professional. I hope that everyone had a chance to reflect on the past year and set a course for the new one.

January also marks the beginning of the second part of the District Governor's New Member Challenge. This runs from Jan 1, 2024, through March 31, 2024. For individual clubs, the challenge is the club within their REGION with the most NEW members during this period will receive an award at the District Convention (5 Regions 5 awards). Individual Lions are also able to contribute via the sponsor from each REGION with the most NEW members during this period will receive an award at the District Convention (5 Regions 5 awards).



As we move into 2024, what are we doing personally, professionally, and as Lions to live our motto, "We Serve"?

In Lionism,

Steve Lowe

Second Vice District Governor District 14-D

## Memoriam

Elizabeth Schott

Lancaster Lions Club

Glen Weicksel

Quarryville Lions Club



## NEW MEMBERS

<u>New Member</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Rick Bates	Denver Lions Club	Vincent Lafferty
Antonio Ciro	East Petersburg-Landisville	Robert Doyle
Shane Imler	Manheim Lions Club	Elaine Siegrist
Melissa Siegrist	Manheim Lions Club	Elaine Siegrist

**FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR: PLEASE FORWARD YOUR ARTICLES BY JAN 25 FOR FEB NEWSLETTER. LET OTHER CLUBS KNOW WHAT YOUR CLUB IS UP TOO! SHARE YOUR PHOTOS! E-MAIL TO ME AT :**

**[anitagordonpalmer@gmail.com](mailto:anitagordonpalmer@gmail.com) Thank you! Lion Anita Gordon-Palmer**

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



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**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 District Governor Mike**

***mschaef2813@gmail.com***

**Or**

**GLT Dick Sware:**

***rmsware@icloud.com***

***Space Is Limited!***

***\$175 Per Lion***

***Meals & Rooms Included***



# Annual Pennsylvania Lions *Spring Leadership Symposium*

**\*2 LOCATIONS\***

**Saturday, February 10, 2024 9 AM-3 PM**

PA Lions State Office

949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111

*Lunch available for a \$7.00 donation*

**\*OR\***

**Sunday, February 11, 2024 Noon-5 PM**

Butler County Association for the Blind

322 N. Cedar Street, Butler, PA 16001

*Snacks will be available*

## *Special Guest Presenters*

PID Cindy Gregg

PDG Tom Gregg

PDG Jeff Loudermilk

PDG Tom Toland

**Register to Attend: FREE & Open to all PA Lions**

**Email PDG Kerry at MD14GLT-LEARN@yahoo.com**

**or call (717)759-0711**

**SPACE IS LIMITED!**





Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

## Presidential LCIF Supporter

# Recognizing individual generosity

At LCIF, we deeply value the incredible generosity of our individual donors. To honor your commitment and support, we are thrilled to introduce the Presidential LCIF Supporter program. This initiative aims to recognize and celebrate individuals who have contributed with heart and soul, making a significant impact on our mission.

By participating in the annual program, you become an integral part of our honored supporters. Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) credits will be earned based on the one-time donation amount you provide. Your generosity not only earns you well-deserved recognition but also helps us make a lasting difference in the lives of those in need.



### **All Donors:**

Bronze Pin - US\$50 to US\$99.99

Silver Pin - US\$100 to US\$199.99

Gold Pin - US\$200 and above

### **Leo Members Only:**

Leo-Presidential LCIF Supporter - Minimum donation of US\$20



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# THE LIONS Legacy



A PLANNED GIVING PUBLICATION FROM LCIF

FALL 2023

## Creating a Compelling Future for the People We Serve

Lions International Past International President Douglas X. Alexander often states his belief that “service to others is the rent we pay for the space we occupy here on Earth.”

In 1984, when Lion Doug, who was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York, was a branch manager for a bank in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood, the bank encouraged community organization involvement. Although Lion Doug was approached to join several charitable organizations, it was important to him that he not just join, but also have the opportunity to actively serve in the community he loved.

When Lion Jerry Dash first invited him to a meeting of the Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club, he

immediately knew he had found the right organization. Shortly after becoming a Lion, Lion Doug distributed food baskets with the club for the Thanksgiving holiday. He still recalls the look on the face of one woman who gratefully exclaimed, “Nobody has ever done anything for my family before!” This was truly Lion Doug’s “Lion moment,” when he fully experienced the reward of providing service to others.

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The lives of future generations will be transformed with Lions International Past International President Douglas X. Alexander’s gift to LCIF in his estate plan.

## Creating a Compelling Future for the People We Serve

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“Feeding the hungry has always been a special interest of mine, and I walked away from that experience with such a good feeling,” he says. As Lion Doug continued to serve Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation in a variety of roles at the club, district and international levels, he saw firsthand that Lions truly are a large global family whose compassionate and dedicated service impacts the lives of millions.

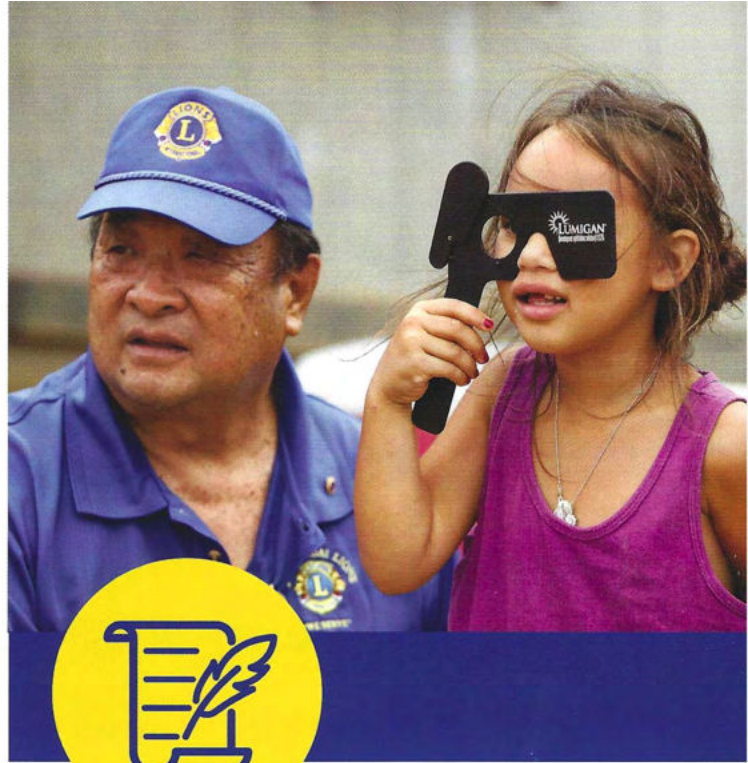
He also witnessed many life-changing events associated with LCIF grant-funded Lion service. During a visit to Puerto Rico, years after Hurricane Maria devastated the region in 2017, Lion Doug recalls the amazing efforts of Lions who are still actively leading disaster reconstruction efforts with LCIF grant funds.

Amidst the lingering devastation, he had an emotional visit with a family in their heavily-damaged home. Yet, as he left, he was pleased to see the foundation of a replacement home being poured, thanks to Lions and LCIF. Long after other organizations had left and the media was no longer covering the disaster, Lions remained.

“As Lions, we should all be proud of this unwavering commitment, consistent with our ideals, that continues to provide so much comfort and hope. LCIF helps make this long-term, lifesaving service possible.”

Lion Doug also saw the introduction and rapid growth of our Lions Legacy Society during the final years of the historic Campaign 100. He was impressed that so many Lions augmented their dedicated service with future gifts that will certainly transform the lives of future generations and empower the communities we serve. So, after ensuring that his family would be provided for, he was pleased to increase his generous support to LCIF with a gift in his estate plan.

“Long after I am gone, I will still be supporting the foundation that I love,” he reflects.



## Create a Brighter Future With One Sentence

Use the following language for your will or trust to ensure your support for stronger communities and humanitarian aid for those in need continues after your lifetime:

“I give to Lions Clubs International Foundation, a nonprofit corporation currently located at 300 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook, Illinois 60523-8842, or its successor thereto, \_\_\_\_\_ [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted charitable use and purpose.”

Your passion for improving your community and the world can live on for years to come when you include Lions Clubs International Foundation in your estate plan. Contact **Robert Kanonik, J.D.**, at **630.468.7067** or **robert.kanonik@lionsclubs.org** to learn more.

# Start Your Legacy Today

## Help Us Change Lives Today and Tomorrow

Everyone has different things that they must account for in their budgets, and juggling it all can make it hard to decide how much to give to your favorite charitable causes. The good news is that your support doesn't have to come all at once.

By combining a current gift with a future gift, you can make a big impact on the people and communities we serve—both today and tomorrow. Your generosity will help us meet critical needs today and allow us to plan for the future with confidence.

### Get Started Today

You can make a positive difference for others and put the wheels in motion for creating your philanthropic legacy. Here's how to make an immediate impact:

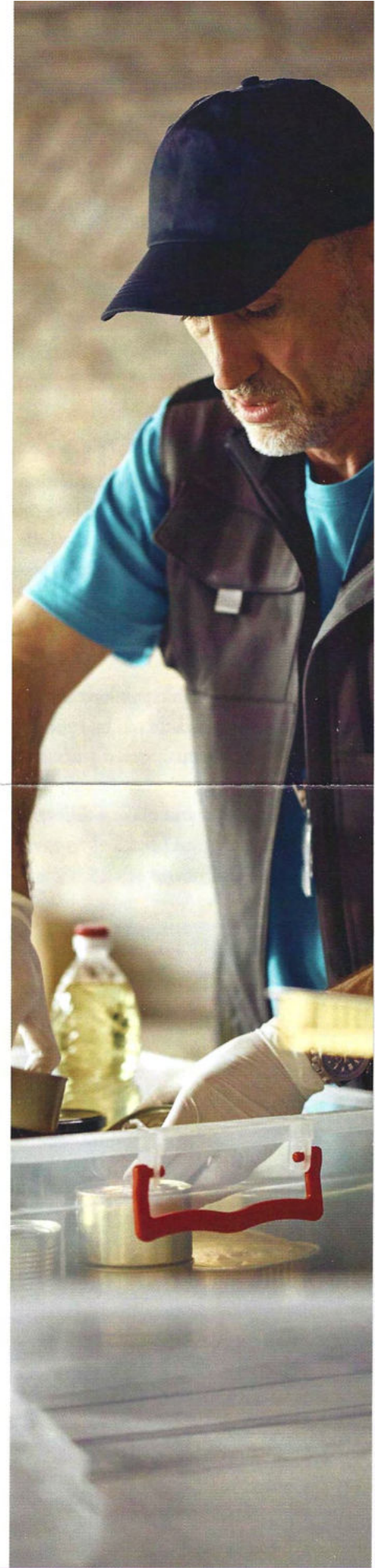
- **Donate cash.** You can give a little every year or one lump sum to help us provide operational necessities.
- **Make a gift of other assets.** Stocks, bonds, real estate and other property that have grown in value since you first purchased them make it possible to give a larger donation for less cost—and provide you with tax benefits.

### Plan a Future Gift

It costs you nothing today to include Lions Clubs International Foundation in your future charitable plans. You'll leave your legacy and support the people and causes you cherish most. Here are some ways to support our future that won't affect your financial situation today:

- **Include LCIF in your will or trust.** This is an easy and flexible way to extend your support. You can give a specific amount or leave a percentage of your estate. As little as one sentence in your will is all it takes to complete your gift.
- **Donate retirement plan assets.** By making a simple designation on your plan's beneficiary designation form, you can save your loved ones from a significant tax burden while helping LCIF.
- **Donate a life insurance policy.** You can donate a no-longer-needed policy or simply name LCIF as the beneficiary.

We are here to help if you have any questions about how you can maximize your impact for millions of people worldwide. Please feel free to contact Robert Kanonik, J.D., today.





# What Is Your 'Why'?

"Why" is a word that drives us.

It does more than ask a question—it defines a connection, a relationship. Why do we love the people we love? Why do certain sights, sounds and smells stir our souls? Why are we moved to improve the world through kindness?

The answer always comes with a story. It's the best part about "why."

The relationship you have with Lions Clubs International Foundation is driven by your unique "why." There may be a deeply personal reason you care so much about giving your time and energy to others, a story that compels you to help us take action and make a difference.

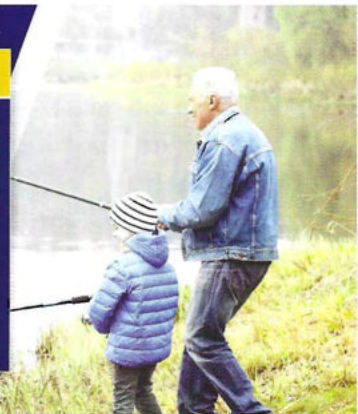
That story also reinforces your values. Kindness and compassion aren't important to you by accident. They have a source—an inspiration—and they connect you to LCIF on a personal level: *I value what you value. Your mission is my mission too. I want to see this work carry on for generations.*

This is what makes your relationship with LCIF so special. You share our values and invest in the longevity of our mission. Your "why" and our "why" are the same. Your story and our story are connected.

With a legacy gift to LCIF, you can carry on our shared values beyond your lifetime. Together, we can improve health and well-being, strengthen communities and support those in need worldwide for generations to come.

## BLEND YOUR SUPPORT

If you've been wondering how to make more of an impact, consider combining your current contributions with one that you make in the future. Our complimentary guide *Mix It Up: Combine Your Giving* can help give you some ideas. Request your copy using the enclosed reply card.



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## PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp

### “500 Club”



Dear Lions and Leos of District 14-D,

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:

1. Make checks payable to: Beacon Lodge 500 Club
2. Mail checks to: PDG Bill Grager  
175 Old Post Lane  
Strasburg, PA 17579

*\*UPON REQUEST, WE WILL BE PLEASED TO PRESENT A BEACON LODGE PROGRAM AT YOUR CLUB. (Most of you are familiar with the camp, but new members need to be informed of the importance of this camp.)*

Enclosed you will also find a copy of the 2024 Beacon Lodge Wish List and Gift Card Wish List. *After you collect your donations, contact your Zone Chair or Board Members.*

Once again, we thank the Lions and Leo Clubs of District 14-D 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,

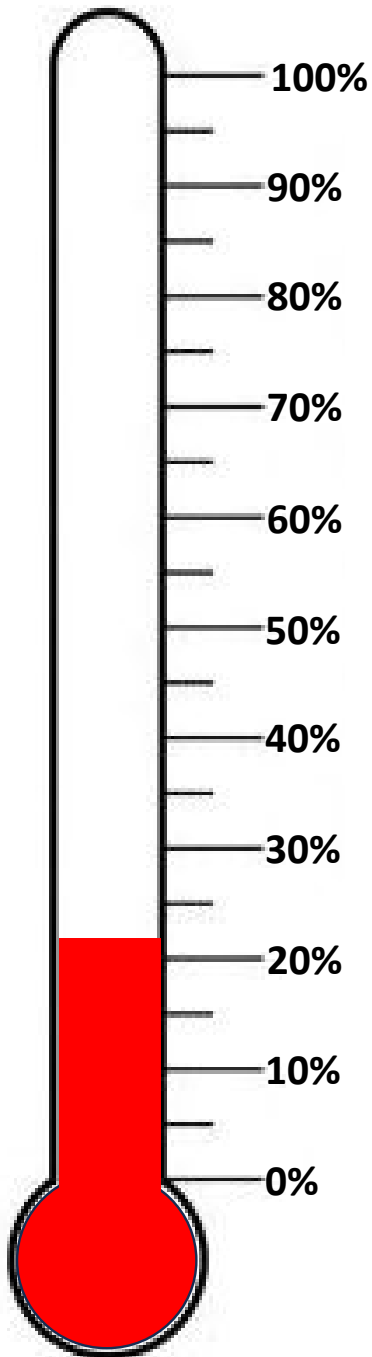
PDG Bill Grager - Board member (717-615-1974) – [billbomzk@gmail.com](mailto:billbomzk@gmail.com)  
OR

Lion Lori Eshleman - Board member (717-350-5536) – [theeshlemans@aol.com](mailto:theeshlemans@aol.com)

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

*Sir Winston Churchill*

**100% "500" Club Donations**



**As of Dec. 25**



**Has YOUR club Sponsored?**

We want the clubs of our District to set the pace and have 100% donations to the Beacon lodge "500" Club.

Each Lion in your club is asked to donate \$5.00.

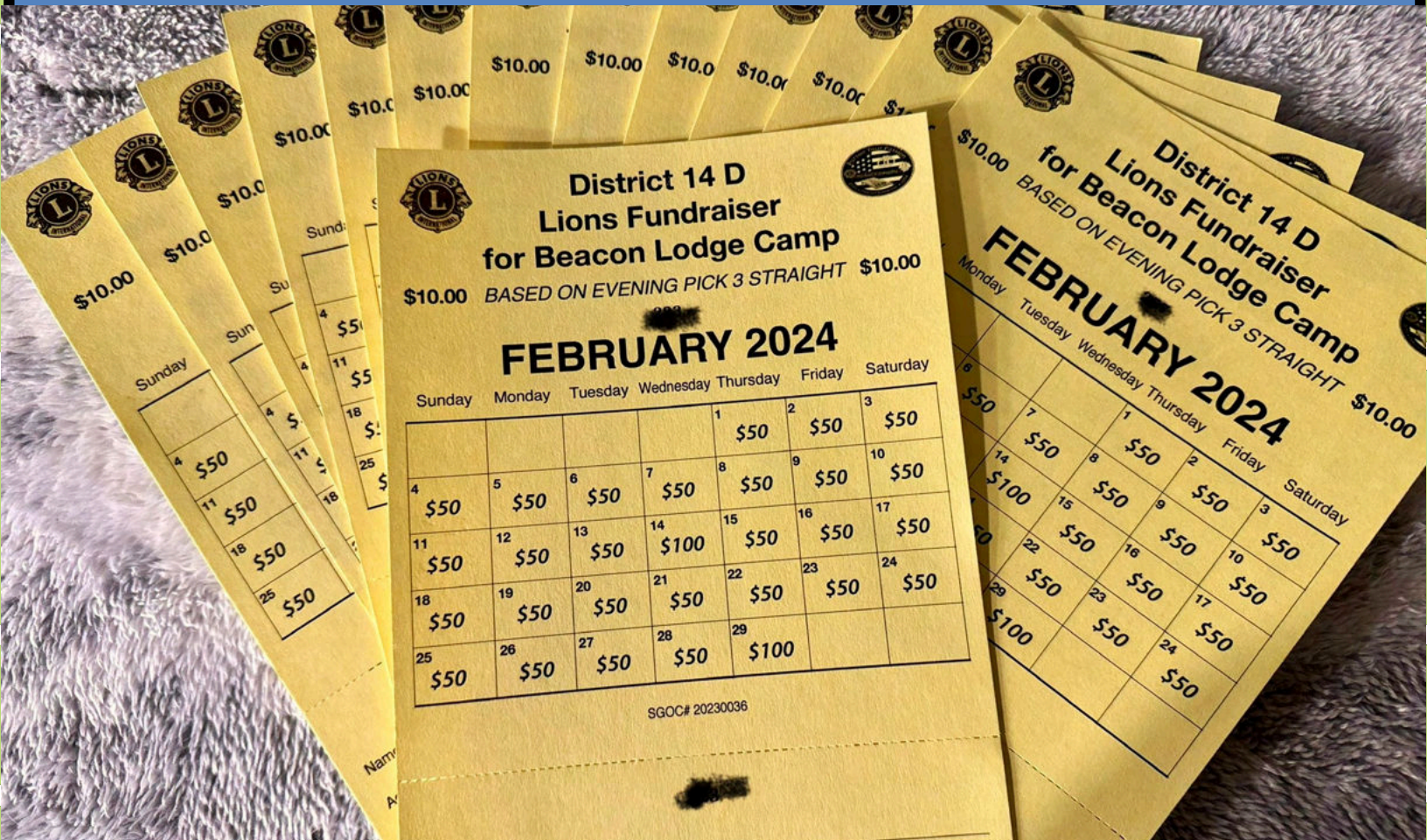
Make your checks out to Beacon Lodge 500 Club and send them to:

**PDG Bill Grager**  
**175 Old Post Lane**  
**Strasburg, PA 17579**



**Get your \$5.00 per member in as soon as possible.**

# DISTRICT 14-D LIONS FUNDRAISER



**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
BEACON LODGE CAMP  
\$10 EACH**

EVENING PICK 3  
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FEBRUARY 2024



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[PATTYCAKE119@COMCAST.NET](mailto:PATTYCAKE119@COMCAST.NET)



# PTCP Trading Post

January 2024



Hello Fellow Lions,

Hope everyone had a great holiday season!!!

With the passing of PDG Amos Shatzer I have taken over the pin work for PTCP.

If you need a personal, club or district pin created please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [pintradersclubpa@gmail.com](mailto:pintradersclubpa@gmail.com) and we can have them created for you! We use a quality and Lions licensed manufacturer called Myriade.

Also I wanted to remind you that the annual Pin Trading Club of Pennsylvania Pin Swap is coming up March 13 and 14 at the Red Lion Hotel in Harrisburg. Feel free to drop by and check out all the pins as well as meet pin traders from around the world! It is always a good time!

May everyone enjoy the second half of the Lions year!

Yours In Lionism,

Jason Radmann  
DG 14L 2023-24  
PTCP President 2022-24

## PTCP Officers:

President: Jason Radmann  
Vice President: Scott Lyons  
Secretary: Lana McCaulley  
Treasurer: Linda Fenicle

## 2024 State Pins



Remember you can join the Pin Trading Club of Pennsylvania for only \$7/year. You will get copies of the newsletter and a yearly Member pin.

You can also join the Lions International Trading Pin Club for only \$15/year!



**L** - Loving  
**I** - Individuals  
**O** - Offering  
**N** - Needed  
**S** - Service

Just as a reminder PTCP will accept any donated collections from members, just contact one of the Board Members or email [pintradersclubpa@gmail.com](mailto:pintradersclubpa@gmail.com)! They will be offered up to the pin trading community and any money raised will go to Lions Charities!!!

# DOG GUIDE UPDATES



**A NEWSLETTER OF PENNSYLVANIA LIONS FOR DOG GUIDES, INC.**  
**VOLUME ( 2 ), EDITION ( 1 )** **August 9, 2023**

Editor: PDG Linda Gibala [lindakay46@yahoo.com](mailto:lindakay46@yahoo.com)

**WELCOME TO A NEW DOG GUIDES FISCAL YEAR:** PA Lions for Dog Guides, Inc. would like to take this moment to thank our Immediate Past District Governors of Pennsylvania Multiple District -14 for all your hard work and guidance this past year in leading our Pennsylvania Lions through another successful year of Lionism. We hope for your continued health and leadership in your new roles as Immediate Past District Governors.

To our new District Governors, welcome to your new roles as you take the reins of leadership in each of our 17 districts throughout the Commonwealth. Thank you all for taking on this very critical and accountable position in each of your districts, and for assuming the administrative, management, and participative faces of volunteerism in the delivery of humanitarian services to our local communities statewide. We wish you all a fruitful year of meeting all your district-wide goals and doing your share of "CHANGING THE WORLD" one step at a time in 2023-2024. Our best wishes to all our new IPDGs and DGs of PA Lions Multiple District-14.

**SO, WHAT IS A "PL4DG"?** We are constantly looking for new ways to increase our ability to contact and communicate with our stakeholder audiences. We are presently opening new doors to follow us and learn more about PA Lions for Dog Guides (PL4DG). Thanks to Dog Guide Life Member, Lion Melinda Hill, we have very recently opened our new Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/PL4DG](http://www.facebook.com/PL4DG). Lion Mindy is also presently developing our new website at this time, and we plan to go live shortly down the road. Stay tuned. We hope that you will all become frequent visitors to our new Facebook page, and we hope that you all will look forward to our website information as well, after we have made all the updates and construction of the site is completed.



**PL4DG AT OUR PA LIONS STATE CONVENTION:** Once again, Dog Guides was well represented at our PA Lions State Convention in Indiana, PA this year. Special congratulations and a thank you are in order for District 14-J for hosting this fantastic convention... ending in a tremendous and most colorful fireworks show. PL4DG set up their organizational table display at the vendor hall again this year, where we were able to share our story, provide vendor information and certainly enjoy meeting our old and new friends. We received many new and renewal memberships to Dog Guides throughout the course of the convention. We also held our PL4DG Annual Membership Meeting, where we discussed several issue areas, made substantial and needed by-laws changes, and held our election of officers and directors.

**EXPANSION OF OUR VETERINARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES:** After much research, discussion, and extensive due diligence, several changes in our bylaws were made at our annual meeting in May 2023. Generally, we have needed to expand our emergency veterinary services program to include additional working dogs other than only vision canines. We have also needed to increase the maximum stipend offered to clients who are approved applicants, and we have relaxed some of our previously held limitations and restrictions on service dog training and certifications we had previously

required for applicant eligibility. With by-laws revisions now in place, we encourage you to seek applicants on our behalf and to advise our stakeholder population in Pennsylvania by letting them know more about us and the services we can offer to help them.

## **PL4DG BY-LAWS CHANGES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:**

### **ARTICLE II—PURPOSE**

**SECTION A-1**...shall read... “Locate qualified visually impaired and /or other disabled persons and assist those individuals in obtaining a leader dog, dog guide, or medical alert, medical assistance, medical detection dog from a dog guide school or training facility approved by the present officers and board of directors”.

**SECTION A-3a**...shall read... “Render emergency veterinarian financial assistance to any active, working canine graduate, trained and issued by an officers and board-approved dog guide school or training facility program, and to a visually impaired or other disabled Pennsylvania resident under certain specific circumstances. Such circumstances shall be limited to: working, career-threatening illness or working, career-threatening accidents in which the canine in question has been severely injured. An amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 US currency shall be awarded at the discretion of the Board of Directors in each case.”

**SECTION A-3b**...shall read... “Veterinary financial assistance shall be limited to trained guidance, medical alert assistance and illness detection canines to include visual and hearing impairment, diabetes, stroke, seizure, physical disability, and other illness detection canines. Companion pets, search and rescue dogs and K-9 crime enforcement dogs are not considered applicable working professions for financial assistance under this program.”

**SECTION A-3c**...shall read... “Render emergency veterinarian financial assistance to any ‘Leader Dog Puppy Raiser’ or other officer and board-approved puppy raiser in Pennsylvania whose puppy incurs a working, career-threatening accident or working, career-threatening illness while in said puppy raiser’s care. An amount not to exceed \$2,000.00 US currency shall be awarded at the discretion of the board of directors in each case.”

### **ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION A-1**...shall read... “Any Lion, Past Lioness, Leo, or Associate member who shall be assessed \$10.00 annual membership or be assessed \$25.00 for a three-year membership.”

**SECTION A-2**...shall read... “Life membership to the corporation may be obtained by contributing a one-time \$100.00 membership fee.”

### **ARTICLE X---ADOPTION**

**SECTION A**...shall read... “The by-laws shall become effective May 19, 2023, when adopted by a simple majority vote of the members of the corporation present at the meeting where the revised bylaws are presented for adoption.”

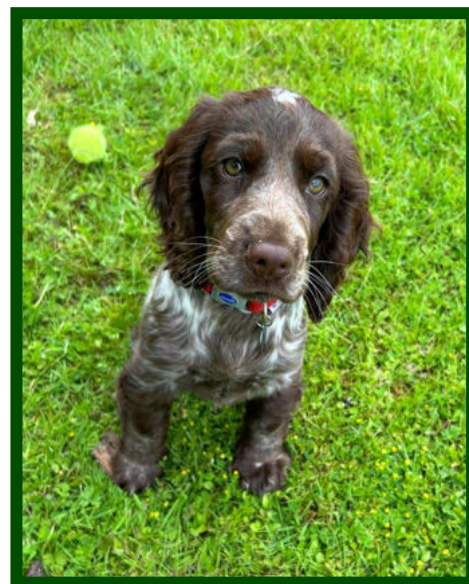
**YOUR DOG GUIDE SUPPORT TEAM, 2023-2024:** At our recent Annual Membership Meeting in May, PL4DG held its annual election of officers and directors. The following Lions have been re-elected to serve the Corporation and the Lions Districts throughout the Commonwealth.

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**PL4DG AND DESIGNATED DOG GUIDE LIAISONS ARE STEPPING UP TO ASSIST:** As you may recall in our last newsletter, we encouraged Pennsylvania Lions Districts to consider designating a Lion in each district to serve as Liaisons to help us better connect with the numerous clubs and Lions and communities in each of our 17 districts of MD-14. It is without doubt that the closer we are to our communities across this Commonwealth, the better we will remain to serve them. Local advocates can help us considerably to create greater awareness of DOG GUIDES as an organization and its mission to serve working dogs in need of care. With local Liaisons working in conjunction with Lions district and club leaders, our corporate officers, directors and members, we can better coordinate and offer a most effective communication to facilitate our humanitarian mission and service at the local level. We are pleased to have Lions always rise to the occasion by volunteering and advocating locally for PL4DG. Special thanks to all our numerous members who represent us well, and to those Lions who serve locally in a liaison capacity. Special thanks to Lion Louise Hanson(14-A), Lion Hunter McVey (14-L), PDG Tom Toland(14-N), PDG Keith Shoaf (14-C), PDG Geri Towson (14-A), Lion Amanda Remic(14-E), Lions Mindy Hill, Carolyn and Mike Winkler(14-N) who have been running the extra mile for us this past quarter.



Facebook.com/Canine Companions  
 Congratulations to this group of dogs entering Team Training in the Northeast Region the week of July 31,



Facebook.com/Hearing Dogs for Deaf People  
 Cocker spaniel Hannah has some great news to tell you as she is celebrating passing the first stage of her hearing dog training.

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** Many thanks to all of you who support our worthy mission of service. We appreciate you and your service to Pennsylvania Lions for Dog Guides, Inc. To contact an officer or board director of our organization, we would be happy to assist and forward your message to them.

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# The Link

## Welcome!

We are excited to introduce you to our newsletter, known as, The Link. The newsletter will feature the grants that were approved and the community impact we have throughout Pennsylvania.

The newsletter is a tool for us to keep our donors informed to show the support we are giving to the Lions Clubs in their community. Making a community impact requires a collaboration and the foundation is a financial link in that collaboration and community impact.

Moving forward we would like to share your story of why you support the foundation or why you are a Lion.

You can send your story to me at [wadamar3@aol.com](mailto:wadamar3@aol.com).

The Board of Directors wishes all of you and your families a safe and happy holiday.

Thank you and have a great day!  
Wade Markel  
Executive Director

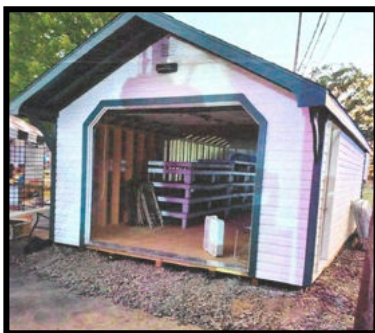
## Our Mission

To assist those afflicted with sensory impairment, particularly those relating to vision and hearing. To award grants in support of meritorious projects and programs for the sensory impaired and to join with individual Lions Clubs in responding to local, community and regional needs. ***The important thing is that all money remains in Pennsylvania.***

## Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation

The vision of the Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation is to have a permanent vehicle to provide financial, social support, and resources for the visually, hearing and physically challenged residents of Pennsylvania.

Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation is a "501-C3" tax-exempt corporation. (25-1666417) This permits individuals, corporations, and other philanthropic entities to deduct charitable contributions given to the Foundation.



Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation  
949 East Park Drive  
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717-495-4691 Executive Director, Lion Wade Markel  
215-266-3222 President, PDG Ed Tustin



## Community Impact!

The following grants were approved to meet the needs in our communities since July.

**District 14-A**, \$2,142.61 for ERO Scan

**District 14-B**, \$500 for Radio Publicity

**District 14-L**, \$500 for Billboard Advertising

**District 14-N & the Rochester Beaver Lions Club**, \$11,500 for improvements to Willow Street Lions Community Building

**District 14-N & the Union Township Lions Club**, \$3,996 for an addition to Community Recreational Facilities at Scotland Meadows Park

**District 14-N & the Elderton Lions Club**, \$3,000 for Crooked Creek Braille Trail

**District 14-L & the McConnellsburg Lions Club**, \$10,000 for Playground and Security System

**District 14-D & the Baron Stiegel Lions Club**, \$14,500 for Snyder Park Dugout & Tree Planting Project

**District 14-M & the Fayette City Washington Township Lions**, \$21,220 for New Playground Equipment

**District 14-N & Little Beaver Lions Club**, \$11,624 for Expansion & Upgrades of Roofing Structure & Lighting of the Little Beaver Lions Club Pavilion

**District 14-T & West Hanover Lions Club**, \$5,360.99 for West Hanover Lions Club Construction of Pavilion and BBQ Pit

**District 14-P**, \$9,000 for Lions Kid Sight Program (3 cameras)

*We are looking forward to supporting the Lions Clubs of Pennsylvania in 2024 to make bigger impacts in all of our communities. The local clubs see a need in their community and take action. They live up to our motto, We Serve. All of this is possible through the support of fellow Lions, individuals and businesses.*



### How can you support?

- ◆ Make a one-time gift
- ◆ Make a recurring gift
- ◆ Fellowships
- ◆ Financial support from your company

All of these can be done by visiting our website at [www.lionsofpafoundation.org](http://www.lionsofpafoundation.org) or contacting Wade Markel at [wadamar3@aol.com](mailto:wadamar3@aol.com) or 717-495-4691.

Every dollar helps make an impact!



# American Red Cross

*Give blood.* Help save lives.



## Community Blood Drive Trinity Reformed UCC

Social Hall  
450 West Main Street  
Mountville, PA 17554

**Monday, January 8, 2024**  
**1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

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Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Mountville to schedule an appointment.

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



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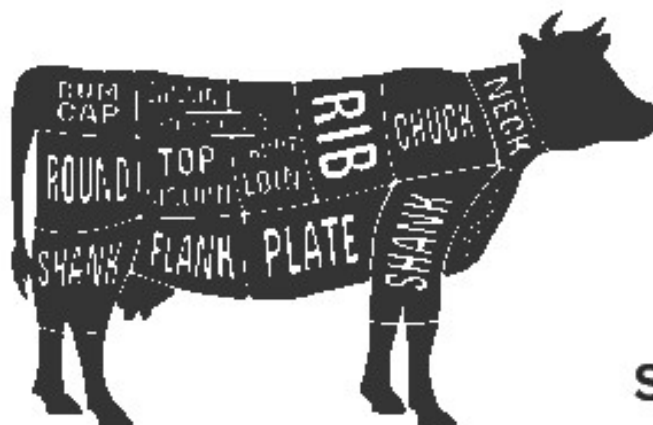
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# Sunday, January 14

1:00 p.m. - Doors open 12:00

Wenger Center, 221 Walnut St.



Meat from:



Sponsored by:



WE SERVE

Tickets are \$10 and are available from any Lion or by contacting [info@columbialions.org](mailto:info@columbialions.org) or message us on Facebook.





# Conoy Lions Club Saturday Winter Breakfasts

**January 20, 2024**  
**February 17, 2024**  
**March 16, 2024**

Bainbridge Fire Hall

7am to 10am

Adult \$10.00      Children 6 -12 \$5.00  
Under 5 free

\$9.00 if you bring a food contribution  
for the Maytown Food Bank

Pancakes      Sausage  
Scrambled Eggs      Fried Potatoes  
Sausage gravy and Biscuits  
Fruit Cocktail  
Orange Juice      Coffee      Tea

Come out and support your community.

*Akron Lions Club*  
**Spaghetti**  
**Dinner**



**Sunday, January 28 , 2024**

**11 am till Sold Out**

**Akron Fire Hall**

Adults: \$12.00

Children (6-12): \$7.00

Children Under 6 are Free

The Columbia Lions Club and hundreds of volunteers delivered 600 Christmas food boxes to deserving families in Columbia, Marietta, Wrightsville, Mountville, Washington Boro, Silver Spring and Salunga. Thanks to the Columbia Borough Fire Department for providing the fire hall and delivering dozens of boxes along with fire departments from neighboring towns. The former Columbia Jaycees, Columbia Lions Club and Sunsnappers (another service organization) have organized the Christmas food box project for more than 25 years.



**Christmas In Christiana by Christiana Lions annual event! All free to the children. Sit on Santa's lap , cookies and hot dogs. It ends with a hayride around town. Also Santa goes to the shut ins with fruit baskets.**

<https://www.facebook.com/100001532982725/videos/875356987407201/> click on the link

