



2024 Annual Pennsylvania Lions Clubs STATE CONVENTION

Thursday May 16th through Sunday May 19th, 2024



Hello Lions and Leos,

Greetings from Central Pennsylvania and the 2024 State Convention host District 14T. We have been meeting and planning for many months to provide you with a great convention experience. Enclosed are various items that you should review and share with your clubs, so they are aware of what has been planned for the 101st annual convention of Multiple District 14 – Pennsylvania, in May.

We have created a new convention newsletter this year to provide you with the full details of the convention all in one place. And we are looking forward to Multiple District 14 welcoming Lions Clubs International President Dr. Patti Hill to Pennsylvania and her theme this year, **Changing the World**.

While we have done much of the planning, the one thing we still need is you. Please take some time to review the newsletter, registration form, room reservation instructions, request for raffle baskets, and advertising contract. The new feature this year is the ability to register and pay online through the MD14 Lions website **palions.org**.

*Please note the various deadlines for convention registration,
room reservations and program booklet advertisements.*

Stop by and see us in February in State College at the third State Council Meeting and watch for 2024 convention information on the state website, in the Pride newsletter and your District newsletters.

Contact the State Office or me with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you when you “Head to Harrisburg” in May!

*PDG Pete R. Van Zandt, Chairperson
2024 State Convention Committee
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MD 14 PA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

Newsletter

May 16-19, 2024

Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg/Hershey

PA Lions Welcome International President Dr. Patti Hill

IP Dr. Patti Hill from Edmonton, Alberta Canada will be our special guest for the convention. She will be attending the full convention with her keynote remarks at Saturday night's International Banquet.



IP Hill's Theme for 2023-24

Changing the World

"Change does not happen all at once. It happens through many small choices. With every act of kindness, we change a life. With every Lions club and Leo club, we change a community. When we change our communities, we change the world."



Friday Luncheon Keynote Speaker Announced

Please plan to join us on Friday May 17th for the luncheon featuring **PA Governor Josh Shapiro** as our keynote speaker. We have invited PA Governor Josh Shapiro to join us to talk to us about the importance of service in our PA communities.

A final confirmation of his attendance will not be known until three to five weeks prior to the convention. Watch the state website for updates.



NEW FOR 2024

In addition to paper registration, online registration and payment are being offered for the MD 14 State Convention for the first time.

You can register online for the convention, order a convention pin, select your meal choices, and sign up for tours.

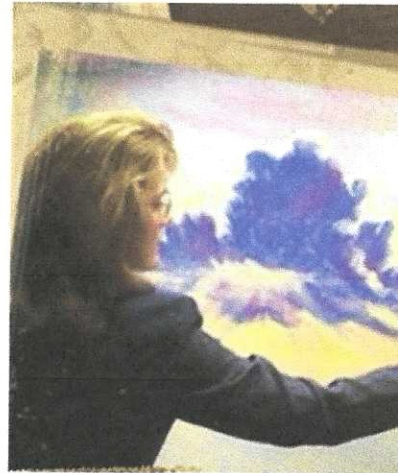
Room reservations must be made directly with the hotel.

See the enclosed room reservation flyer for more information.

Scheduled Speakers

Saturday Luncheon

The Saturday luncheon will feature **Elva Hurst**. She is a "Chalk Talk" artist from Lancaster County whose Lions' focused presentation is bound to grab your attention. *Together We Serve* is designed to entertain Lions Club gatherings. It has been used at district conventions, charter nights, president's nights, and other events. This program explores the history of Lions, praises the efforts of service-minded people, and encourages and inspires them to continue in service to their communities. Lions from Central PA have experienced her creative and enjoyable approach to sharing a topic while completing a full chalk art piece. Do not miss it.



Sunday Morning Breakfast

The Sunday morning Melvin Jones Fellows and Key Member breakfast will have **PDG Kerry McKnight** from the New Freedom Lions Club in District 14C as our invited speaker. As an LCIF Constitutional Area Vice Leader and MD 14 Global Leadership Team Coordinator he has a passion for LCIF, Leadership and Membership. His presentations are always enjoyable and informative. We hope you join us.



Featured Seminars



MISSION 1.5

Come to hear about the efforts to grow our membership to 1.5 million members worldwide.



Beacon Lodge Camp Executive Director Jonathan Carver will present updates about the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp and its current needs and how you can help.



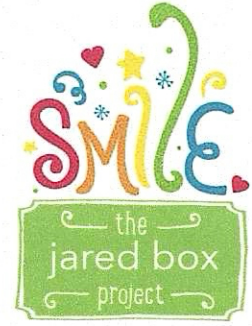
The **Penbrook Leo Club "15 Years and Growing"**, is a community-based Leo Club in Central PA that will celebrate 15 years of service in 2024. They've had recent success with a community garden through LCIF and other grants. Come to hear about their successes and challenges.



There is always something going on at **Leader Dog**. Please join us for updates on the school. There may even be a PA based Leader Dog puppy helping with the presentation.

Convention Service Project

If you have attended a State Council Meeting this year you have heard about the **Jared Box Project** that we will be completing on Saturday morning of the convention. For more than 20 years, Jared Boxes have delivered countless smiles, laughter and hope to children in hospitals across the country. Jared Boxes are a terrific way for any organization to bring the gift of play through toys in a box to young patients as they navigate through their hospital experience. Please stop by Saturday morning to put together a Jared Box.



Tours



There are two guided tours scheduled for Friday morning. One will be with the **Hershey Trolley Works** at a cost of **\$18**. The trolley bus will pick you up at the convention hotel and take you to Hershey, PA for a 75-minute Hershey history tour. Highly knowledgeable and entertaining conductors will take you through the Hershey of today, then jump back all the way to a time before there was a town, or a chocolate factory, or even chocolate in America for that matter. You will then journey through the inspiring life of Milton Hershey, visiting the historical sites of town he created, and tasting the chocolate that made him famous. The tour will end with an exclusive, spectacular view of the Sweetest Place on Earth from the "Welcome to Hershey" Hill. **Make sure to sign up on the registration form or online.**

The second guided tour on Friday morning will be to **Vision Resources of Central PA (VROCP)**. **Vision Resources** is a 100-year-old community benefit organization with a mission to facilitate independence, enrich the quality of life, and empower individuals who are visually impaired or otherwise disabled through prevention, employment, and educational awareness programs. The agency serves Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, and Perry counties. **There is no cost for this guided tour.** A bus will pick you up at the convention hotel for a short drive over to VROCP for a tour of the agency. VROCP is unique for a non-profit agency. To support their services, between 80% and 85% of their income is generated by their VR Business Services division through carpet installation, housekeeping, pen production, printing, and PA Driver's License services. You will leave saying, "I never knew they offered that." **Although there is no cost, pre-registration is required.**



Self-Guided Tours and Points of Interest in Central PA

Central PA has many attractions and places of interest. You can research online those that may interest you. *Here's a brief list of some of the most popular:*

PA Civil War Museum PA State Police Museum Antique Automobile Club of America Museum

PA State Capitol The Hershey Story Tanger Outlets Hershey History Center Troeg's Brewing Company

Hospitality Night

Please come and try your luck Friday Night at the **Casino Night** at the convention hotel. There will be Blackjack, Craps, Poker, Roulette, and fun for all. It is always more fun when it is not real money and the house wins. There will be a cash bar and snacks to give you courage and energy to try it.



“Let It Ride”

“Double Down”

“I’m All In”

Other Planned Convention Highlights

State Merchandise Store – Pick up some Lions or Leo items from the State Office’s Store.

Vendor Displays – Stop by the variety of vendor tables to pick up information that may of interest to you and your club. Many of the state level projects and committees are represented as well as other organizations of interest.

Raffle Baskets – Take a chance on winning a donated gift basket.

PA Lions All State Band Concerts – There are two planned performances on Saturday. You will not want to miss it. The band will be staying at the convention hotel.



Caricature Artist – Get your caricature done on Saturday morning in the hotel lobby.



The convention hotel room rate is **\$130** per night. You can call the Red Lion

Harrisburg/Hershey Hotel directly at **717-939-7841**. Tell them you are with the PA Lions 2024 State Convention. Or you can reserve your room online. See the enclosed room reservation flyer for more information.

Room reservation deadline is May 1, 2024

2024 Convention Pins – Pins will be available for sale for **\$3** while supplies last. They can also be ordered on the convention registration form or online.



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101st ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA LIONS CLUBS STATE CONVENTION



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Red Lion Hotel Harrisburg-Hershey
4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111



HOTEL INFORMATION

The hotel has a block of rooms for the PA Lions 101st Convention. Contact the hotel to make a reservation. The discounted rate of **\$130.00/night is in effect until May 1, 2024**.

To make a room reservation call 717-939-7841 and dial "0" for the front desk.

If you would like to make a reservation online the booking code is **Pa State Council Lions Club** and the link is available on the State website.

New Online Convention Registration is Now Available!

To register for the Convention and all meals online go to the State website – **palions.org** and fill out the electronic form with your selections. Pay with a debit or credit card.

Calling All Leos to Attend the 101st State Convention!

Leos and Leo Advisors, please plan on attending the 101st State Convention.

Convention registration is **FREE** for all Leos!

We hope to see you there!



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Ad Copy Requirements *Ads submission Deadline is Friday, April 26th, 2024*

- **For Best Quality** — Electronically send print-ready PDF or JPEG files at the exact ad size to

▶ **ccuddy@vrocp.org** Type "Lions Convention Ad" in the subject line.

Enclose a paper reference copy along with this form and your payment.

- Clean, reproducible hard copy, a business card, or letterhead, can be submitted to be scanned but reproduction quality in the final publication will not be guaranteed. Please do not fold, tape, or staple within the image area.
- Cover placements are on a first-come, first-served basis, and will be reproduced in full color.

Check one

Outside back cover (1)	reserved	_____	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inside front cover (1)	_____	4.5" X 7.5" _____	\$200	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inside back cover (1)	_____	4.5" X 7.5" _____	\$200	<input type="checkbox"/>
Full page	_____	4.5" X 7.5" _____	\$100	<input type="checkbox"/>
Half page	_____	4.5" X 3.75" _____	\$60	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quarter page	_____	4.5" X 1.375" _____	\$30	<input type="checkbox"/>

Program Advertising Contract

The undersigned authorizes the insertion of their advertisement (enclosed) in the 2024 PA Lions State Convention Booklet, published for their convention which takes place May 16-19, 2024.

Club/Company Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Authorized Signature _____ Title _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Make checks payable to: 2024 State Convention 14-T

Mail this form, payment, and copy of your ad to

**▶ Cheryl Cuddy c/o VROCP
1130 S 19th St.
Harrisburg, PA 17104**

Convention Program Booklet Patron Ads

Donation for a single line (not to exceed 40 letters/spaces) is \$5. Please type or print legibly.

1. _____
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Please Consider Donating a GIFT BASKET

with an
approximate
value of **\$50.00**

Please make sure it
is delivered to the
convention hotel
by May 16th



No Alcohol is permitted as
part of your basket



For Questions Contact PDG Pete Van Zandt at: petevz@msn.com