



Mechanicsburg Lions “Roar” January, 2026

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Our Motto: “One Club, One family, One goal” – Service

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Lions Christmas Party 2025

Thanks to Lion Patti Clark & her elf Lion Mike Clark for leading the way at this year's Holiday party. After a great meal, there was a challenging True/False trivia game, the giant circle game where everyone passed envelopes left right & across and of course the annual gift exchange. Gifts were given to the winners of each game. Lions Lois Young, Ted Cramer & Helen Caravello led the singing of Holiday songs.



Calendar of Events

- Jan. 6 Nomination Committee Meeting 5:00 Buhrig's Gathering Place
- Jan. 6 Regular Meeting:** 5:45 Social–6:30 Dinner
Guest Speaker: Faith Jones Financial Wellness
- Jan. 15 Mission Central 9:15-11:45
- Jan. 20 Nomination Committee Meeting 5:00 Buhrig's Gathering Place
- Jan. 20 Business Meeting:** 5:45 Social–6:30 Dinner
- Jan. ? One80 Game Night
- Jan. OW-Project Smiles Collection
- Feb. 3 Regular Meeting: Guest Speakers Kirk Freed & Jordan Lenick
- Feb. ? Project clothing
- Feb. 14 Spring Training at State Office (\$10 for lunch)
- Feb. 17 Jared Box Decorating: 4:00 Buhrig's Gathering Place
- Feb. 17 Business Meeting: 5:45 Social – 6:30 Dinner
- Mar. 3 Mission Central 9:15-11:45
- Mar. 3 Regular Meeting: Nomination of Officers Meeting
Guest Speaker: Darrin Henry-Barracks Baristas Coffee Co.
- Mar. 6-8 Lions Institute - Free
- Mar. 17 Business Meeting: 5:45 Social – 6:30 Dinner
- April 7 Business Meeting: Election of 2025-26 Officers
- April 11 District 14-C Convention
- April 21 Club Open House:  6:00 Social - 6:45 Dinner
- May 5 Mission Central 9:15-11:45
- May 5 Regular Meeting: Guest Speaker isn't scheduled yet.
- May 14-16 PA Lions State Convention: Indiana, PA
- May 19 Business Meeting: 5:45 Social – 6:30 Dinner
- May 21 Red Cross Blood Drive Trindle Springs Lutheran
- June 2 Business Meeting: 5:45 Social – 6:30 Dinner
- June 23 Installation Night: NO Guest Speaker! 6:00 Social - 6:45 Dinner
- June 30 End of Fiscal Year
- July 3-7 Lions International Convention: Hong Kong
- July 7 Mission Central 9:15-11:45
- July 10 “We Serve” Golf Tournament

January 6th Dinner Meeting

Our Guest speaker for this meeting will be Faith Jones from Financial Wellness (Goodwill Keystone Area)

January 20th Dinner Meeting

This will be our business meeting for the month. Please plan to attend & participate in the review, discussion & approval of club events.

State of the Club Report (July 1-Dec. 31, 2025)

Current Membership: 95 members (+9 since 12/31/24)
9 Meetings: Average Meeting attendance: 59 (+7.22)
77 Lions participated in Service events (+9)
64 (+1) total Service Activities=3,260 Service Hours
Raised \$15,923 through fundraising (+\$3,165)
Still have \$16,815 in charity account to be donated later
Donated 5,933 (+2720) pair of eyeglasses for recycling
Completed 639 Vision Screenings



New Hope Ministries Food Pantry Donations

Thanks to Lions Leroy Weaver, Patti Clark & Mike Clark for collecting & delivering the donations for New Hope Ministries this year. They report that we donated 242 pounds of food & other items. Congrats to our generous Lions who helped make the Holiday brighter for many in the Mechanicsburg area!

Message from Club President Coco Houghtaling

Happy New Year. As we bid farewell to the old year and begin a new year, Lions look forward to opportunities for service and fellowship. Our December holiday celebration was very enjoyable and gave us a chance to be with friends and to make new ones. Thank you to Patti and Mike Clark for a great time. I hope each of you had time to relax and be with family during the holiday season. Family is important and we need to make time for them and for ourselves. The new year, 2026, and colder weather will bring new challenges for our community.

We will have familiar and new opportunities to continue helping our neighbors. Supporting Mission Central, New Hope Ministries, Operation Wildcat, and One80 Ministries will continue to provide our club with ways to support our own community. We will begin to work on Jared Boxes through January and February. Our club is planning a second blood drive in the spring. If you know of, or hear of, a way Lions can serve our community, let the club know. We are always looking for ways to serve our community.

Lion Coco

Lions' January Birthdays

Lion Dennis McKendry: Jan. 3

Lion Debi Wiest: Jan. 10

Lions Gretchen Snyder & Bernie Griffard: Jan. 13

Lion Fred Luciani: Jan. 24

Lion Kathi Burkhart: Jan. 26

Lion Judy Hilinski Jan. 6

Lion Dean Brockmole: Jan. 12

Lions Priscilla Walters & Leroy Weaver: Jan. 15

Lion Larry Christine: Jan. 25

Bountiful Blessings at New Hope Ministries



The Mechanicsburg Lions Club was at it again this year, proudly supporting New Hope Ministries' annual *Bountiful Blessings* project. This meaningful program collects donated gift items so families in need can "shop" for their loved ones at no cost—helping ensure the holiday season is bright for everyone in our community. Over the course of three volunteer days, Lions Club members rolled up their sleeves to sort through bins and bags filled with donated goods. Items included household essentials, personal care products, toys for all ages, and warm accessories such as hats, gloves, and scarves.

Volunteers carefully organized everything by category—and for the toys, by age group—to make the shopping experience easy and joyful for visiting families. Thanks to the generosity of donors and the dedication of volunteers like the Mechanicsburg Lions, Bountiful Blessings continues to spread hope, dignity, and holiday cheer to those who need it most.



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