



Mechanicsburg Lions “Roar” February, 2026

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

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Guest Speaker Faith Jones

Our Guest Speaker on January 6th was Faith Jones, a financial wellness coach from Goodwill Keystone. She did a PowerPoint presentation about the various dangers of scams & other current dangers on the internet & other media. Thanks to Lion Kirk Freed for getting the technology connected & thanks to Lion Lana McCaulley for arranging for her niece to be our guest speaker.

Message from Club President Coco Houghtaling

Wow! Can you believe it, our Lion's year is half over. As a member of Lion's, your dedication to others through service and donations has been inspiring. As our club grows more opportunities for service and leadership become available. Through the second half of the year, we will be able to continue to help others that we have helped before and help others that we have not yet met. If you have ideas or know of other service projects we can explore, please let Karen or Vicki know. As spring comes, it will be time to think about new board members. If you know of someone who would like to help, please let a member of the current board know. Open nominations from the floor will be at the first meeting in March. The nomination committee will present a slate of candidates. However, this will be when nominations can be made by any member of the club. We want to encourage new members to take leadership roles. For all members, our district and state Lion's organization have upcoming training and conventions that help members learn more about Lions. All Lions are welcome to participate in these opportunities.

With her passing, Lion Jake Anderson has left a hole in our hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

Lion Coco

Calendar of Events

- Feb. 3 Regular Meeting:** Guest Speakers Kirk Freed & Jordan Lenick
- Feb. 7 District 14-C Cabinet Meeting 10:00-Noon Dover Fire Hall
- Feb. 14 Project Clothing 10:00-Noon
- Feb. 14 Spring Leadership Symposium at Lions State Office (\$10 for lunch) 9:00-2:30 949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111
- 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.
Project “Spring for Socks & Underwear” collection
- Mar. 6-8 Lions Institute
- Mar. 17 Business Meeting: New Member Induction Ceremony
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- April ? One80 Dinner
- April 7 Kindergarten Academy Vision Screening 3:00-6:00
- April 7 Business Meeting: Election of 2025-26 Officers
- Apr.10-12 Beacon Lodge Work Weekend
- April 10 Operation Wildcat Yard Sale
- April 11 District 14-C Convention Wisheaven Event Center, 2985 E Prospect Rd, York, PA 17402
- April 16 Kindergarten Academy Vision Screening 3:00-6:00
- April 21 Club Open House: 6:00 Social - 6:45 Dinner
- April 22 Kindergarten Academy Vision Screening 3:00-6:00
- May 5 Mission Central 9:15-11:45
- May 5 Regular Meeting: Guest Speaker isn't scheduled yet.
- May 14-17 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



MISSION 1.5 Annual Open House



Save the date – All Lions Attend! We will be hosting our Membership Night/Open House on April 21st. Please begin thinking of guests you can invite who would become great Lions – the very future of our club depends on it! We will set up the various stations at Buhrig's Gathering Place like we did last year. Instead of using a guest speaker, we will have a PowerPoint having our Lions explain to our guests what being a Lion is all about & how we do the good things for our local community & beyond - All first-time guests will receive a free dinner!

February 3 Dinner Meeting

Our Guest speaker for this meeting will be Lion Kirk Freed & Jordan Lenick from Buhrig's Funeral Home

February 17 Dinner Meeting

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

Lions' February Birthdays

Lion Linda Luciani: Feb. 6 Lion Nan Alleman: Feb. 12
Lion Randy Condran: Feb. 20 Lion Bob Hilinski: Feb. 26

"We Serve" Golf Tournament 2026



The Mechanicsburg Lions Club will be hosting the 6th annual "We Serve" Golf Tournament on Friday, July 10, 2026. The Mayapple Golf Club in Carlisle will be hosting our tournament again this year. We will have an 8am shot gun start with lunch to follow at Fiddler's Bar & Grill located at the golf course. So, mark your calendars now and plan to join us for a fun filled day of golf and dining with your friends. Registration is available now just by clicking on one of the links below and will be limited to the first 108 golfers who sign

up and pay. Many Lion volunteers will also be necessary for this to succeed – let's make this year's tournament the largest fundraiser our club has ever had!

<https://events.golfstatus.com/event/mechanicsburg-lions-golf>



On Thursday, January 15, fourteen volunteers from the Mechanicsburg Lions Club served at Mission Central. During our time there, we sorted clothing designated for disaster relief efforts, counted and verified supplies for Flood Buckets. The club values these opportunities to serve and remains committed to supporting those in need through hands-on volunteerism.



Lions Club Brings Warmth and Fun to 180 Ministries Game Night

Members of the Mechanicsburg Lions Club led a lively 180 Ministries Game Night on January 23, welcoming 13 community members for a fun-filled evening of Bingo. Ellen Mank and Mike Caravello kept the games active and engaging as Bingo callers, while Nancy Shaffer, Vicki Alfieri, and Karen McKendry served up a comforting spread of chili with cheese, corn muffins, and brownies. Though the evening was cold outside, the room was warm and cozy, creating a welcoming space for friendship and connection. Community members shared how much they enjoy Game Nights led by the Lions Club—and many make a point to attend whenever the Lions are involved.

