



Mechanicsburg Lions “Roar” March, 2026

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

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Guest speaker, Jordan Lenick

At our February 3rd meeting, we were proud to host guest speaker, Jordan Lenick who is a licensed Funeral Director and serves as the Advance Funeral Planner for Buhrig’s Funeral & Cremation, Ltd. in Mechanicsburg. She showed a PowerPoint presentation explaining the various facets & advantages of preplanning funeral arrangements. She invited anyone who is interested in preplanning to contact her for a personal appointment. Many questions were answered by her & Lion Kirk Freed, the Supervisor of Buhrig's Funeral Home.

Election of Officers

Thanks to our Nomination Committee Lions Karl Heimbach, Coco Houghtaling, Patti Clark, Jim Miller, Steve Harriman & Ted Cramer for recruiting next year’s officer candidates & thanks to the candidates for being willing to serve! Committee chair Lion Karl will present their recommendations at the March 3rd meeting along with nominations from the floor. The election will occur at our meeting on April 7th. The slate of officer candidates will be posted in the April newsletter.

Calendar of Events

- 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
Project “Spring for Socks & Underwear” collection
- April ? One80 Dinner
- April 7 Kindergarten Academy Vision Screening 3:00-6:00
- April 7 Business Meeting: Election of 2025-26 Officers
- April 8 Mayor’s Community Leadership Summit: 6:00PM – 7:30PM
New Library Facility on Allen St
- 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 PDG Tom Jones: Beacon Lodge
- 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
- July 14 Business Meeting 5:45 Social – 6:30 Dinner
- Aug. 11 Regular Meeting 5:45 Social – 6:30 Dinner – Guest Speaker?
- Sept. 1 Regular Meeting 5:45 Social – 6:30 Dinner-DG Visitation



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!

March 3 Dinner Meeting

Our Guest speaker for this meeting will be Darrin Henry from the Barracks Baristas Coffee Co. Thanks to Lion Becky Heimbach for making this connection!

Message from Club President Coco Houghtaling

Each passing day shows what a great Lions Club we have in Mechanicsburg. We have the most wonderful, giving members who give their time to help others. This month many of our members helped to complete, decorate, and write special notes for 49 Jared Boxes. These boxes will be given to a local hospital to help bring a little joy to children who are patients. Thank you to all who participated in this worthwhile project. Some of our members joined other community volunteers in the wine glass painting project for the Arts and Wine Walk in Mechanicsburg. I discovered we have some talented artists in our Lions club. If you missed this event, more opportunities will be available soon. As the weather warms and the days get longer, we will have more opportunities to give back to our community. If you know of projects that we could participate in, let our service chairman know. Our members are to be congratulated. Recently our club received a Melvin Jones Fellowship patch for the year 2025-2026. The patch is given when a club attains a Melvin Jones Fellowship, which helps fund humanitarian projects through LCIF. It will be added to our club's banner.

Lion Coco

March 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. PDG Fred Lamason will induct our newest members at this meeting. We will also present Monarch Awards to 3 deserving members!

Lions' March Birthdays

March 3-Lion Ruth Romako

March 4-PCC Terry Hartzell

March 13-Lion Ted Cramer

March 14-Lion Becky Heimbach

March 23-Lion Jim Miller

March 31-Lion Lee Snyder

Happy Anniversary!

Due to the increased cost of postage, we will no longer be mailing Anniversary cards to our membership. Instead, Lion Deb Zezeski will publish the joining date anniversary dates for members in our monthly newsletter. Thanks Lion Deb for managing our Sunshine Committee again this year!

The following Lions have membership anniversaries in February and March. The Mechanicsburg Lions Club members thank you for your support and continued service. Our community has greatly benefited from your commitment and involvement.

Rachel Milbrand & Brenda Robinson - 3 Years

Tawnya Kling - 9 Years

Lee Snyder - 33 Years

Doris Moss - 5 Years

Linda Fenicle - 13 Years

Al Whitcomb - 56 Years

"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>





MEETING THE NEEDS OF ALL
STUDENTS IN OUR DISTRICT

Operation Wildcat's Project Socks

We will be collecting the underwear and socks during both March meetings.

New Underwear (most pressing need!):

Boys' 6/8, 8/10

Juniors' 5, 6, 7 (low-rise, bikini and boy-short style)

Womens' 6, 7, 8, 9+

Mens' (all styles and sizes)

New Socks: (less needed this year)

New packages only

Operation Wildcat's Project Clothing



On Saturday, February 14, eleven Lions volunteered their time to support **Operation Wildcat – Project Clothing**. The group worked on a variety of important tasks, including sorting and hanging clothing, organizing hangers, assisting with Christmas tree and ornament donations, and bagging items for Community Aid.

It was a very productive morning filled with teamwork and service. Most importantly, the Lions had fun while making a positive difference in the community!