

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETINGS

The regular meeting of the Lions Club of Mechanicsburg PA was called to order on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, by club President Lion Coco Houghtaling at Buhrig's Gathering Place with those members in attendance as shown on the Attendance Record and Guest Register.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lion Dwane Houghtaling

Song: Lion Ted Cramer

Lions Toast: Lion John Burkhardt

Prayer: Lion Mike Fenicle

Lucky Lion: Lion Monica Latz (Collected winnings from 3 meetings)

Joker's Wild 50/50: Lion Stacey Kyle

Attendance

Guests:

Members: 56

Percentage: 62.2%

(Active Membership)

Club President Coco Houghtaling welcomed everyone to our meeting on St. Patrick's Day & appreciated the Green Outfit response!

Thanks to Lion Jeff Woodward for taking over the Treasurer's responsibilities at tonight's meeting. Lions Bob Dippel & Debi Wiest could not attend.

Thanks to Lion Tawnya Kling for taking over the role of Tail Twister since Lion Linda Glantz couldn't attend.

Lion Ted read an Invitation to Simpson Library's Donor Reception to be held in April. Lions Coco & Dwane Houghtaling have agreed to represent our club & anyone else is welcome to join them. Just contact Lion Coco.

MSP to accept the minutes from 2/17/2026 & 3/3/2026 as posted by Lion Ted Cramer: P. Clark/M. Fenicle

MSP to accept the February Treasurer's reports as posted by Lion Bob Dippel: Robinson/Milbrand

Lion Ted shared that our Lions club is the oldest continuous sponsor of Little League Baseball in our area. The Upper Allen/Mechanicsburg Baseball Association (UAMBA) has invited us to participate in Opening Day ceremonies on April 11, 2026. Anyone interested should contact Lion Ted.

Lion Mike Clark presented a detailed explanation of our Web Site Update, with assistance from Lion Larry Christine. He mentioned that the new web site will have 2 major sides: One private side for members only & the other side for the general public to view. There will be many sections on each side giving details of our club's activities, such as public access to our Golf Tournament information. He also requested permission for more funding.

MSP for our club to pay \$129 per year for an additional web site plugin that will enable the site to send email reminders to our membership for various volunteer events & meetings: Harriman/K. Heimbach

PDG Fred Lamason inducted our newest member Lion Brian MacPhearson who is sponsored by Lion Ted Cramer. Lion Brian was a very active Lion in Texas for many years. He received his membership card, name badge, member certificate and his Lions pin. Lion Ted will bring his hat to our next meeting.

The Lions International's Membership Key Awards for Sponsoring 2 Lions were presented by Lion Ted as follows:

Lion Mark O'Keefe sponsored.....Lions Bob & Judy Hilinski

Lion Patti Clark sponsored.....Lions Ellen Mank & Kathy Christine

Lion Paula Hunt Zizzi sponsored.....Lions Mary Baritsky & June Fry

The Lions International 65 Year Monarch Award was presented to Lion Duke Brenneman by Club President Coco Houghtaling & Membership Chair Ted Cramer. Lion Duke has been our Club President for 2 different terms, has received the Melvin Jones Fellowship & also the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship. He has been an active member for all those years & has also been a generous financial benefactor to Lions.

Lions Mike & Linda Fenicle reported that they donated 3,268 pairs of Eyeglasses & 11 Hearing aids on behalf of our club at the last District 14-C District meeting.

Lion Stacy Kyle reported that she has sent communications to the district & Chamber of Commerce regarding our upcoming Open House & Golf Tournament.

Lion Ted Cramer urged everyone to invite a guest to attend our annual Open House scheduled for April 21st. Guests names & email addresses should be sent to Lion Ted.

Lion Jim Miller reported that the Vision Screening team will be providing their services to the Mechanicsburg Kindergarten Academy, National Night Out, St. Joseph School & Mechanicsburg High school. Anyone who wants to join the team should contact Lion Jim.

Lion Vicki Alfieri reviewed our upcoming Service Projects that were listed on tonight's agenda. Lions can contact Lion Vicki or Lion Karen McKendry to volunteer their time.

Lion Tawnya Kling announced that she is now signing up volunteers for the Earth Day activities scheduled for April 18th on Market Street in Mechanicsburg from 8:30-3:30 in 2 shifts. Large paper bags will be available for children to decorate their ideas for Earth Day, then distributed at Ashcombe's to customers.

Lion Brenda Robinson distributed information regarding our upcoming Sub Sale at tonight's meeting and via email. All orders & payments must be turned in by April 21st with delivery on April 29th.

Lion Karl Heimbach invited members to attend the District 14-C Convention on April 11th. Lion Ted will send the registration materials to all members. He also reminded everyone about the Red Cross Blood Drive scheduled for May 21st. Please donate if possible.

Lion Leroy Weaver has received donations of Lions pins, hat & other Lions mementos from the wife of deceased Lion John Behel. He offered them to our membership for their use.

Club President Coco Houghtaling & 1st VP Patti Clark met to discuss the Strategic Plan that our club adopted during the term of Immediate Past President Karl Heimbach. They will share their analysis soon.

Our future club Picnic needs a chairperson-Please contact Lion Patti Clark if interested.

Club President Coco Houghtaling shared an Irish Blessing for everyone, then ended the meeting at 7:52.

Secretary: Lion Ted Cramer

