

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR CLUB MEETING

The regular meeting of the Lions Club of Mechanicsburg PA was called to order on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, by Club President Lion Patti Clark at Buhrig's Gathering Place with those members in attendance as shown on the Attendance Record and Guest Register.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lion Steve Harriman
Song: Lion Ted Cramer
Prayer: Lion Linda Fenicle
Lion's Toast: Lion Terry Hartzel
Lucky Lion: Lion Fred Luciani
50/50 Raffle: Lion Linda Glantz

Attendance
Guests: 3
Members: 59
Percentage: 62%
(Active Membership)

Welcome:

Club President Lion Patti Clark welcomed everyone and introduced Zone Chair Lion Karl Heimbach. Lion Karl then introduced the evening's distinguished guests: 14-C District Governor Lion Patti Wurzbacher, her Partner in Service, Lion Wayne, and 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Ron Garman. Club President Lion Patti Clark presented 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Ron Garman with the Mechanicsburg Lions Club's **75th Anniversary Plaque**.

District Governor Patti Wurzbacher's Presentation:

District Governor Patti Wurzbacher shared her theme for the year, **"Service – A Guiding Light."** The theme represents the light that guides us as Lions—the physical light we share with others and the light we carry in our hearts through service. DG Patti encouraged Lions to continue shining that light by being visible in the community and on social media, wearing Lions pins, sharing our stories, inviting others to volunteer at Lions events, and, most importantly, having fun while serving.

DG Patti emphasized the importance of showing others who Lions are, how we stand alongside those we serve, and the positive difference Lions make in our communities. She encouraged everyone to continue sharing the impact of Lions, **"one small light at a time,"** and to be a Guiding Light through service.

"Your Service is a Guiding Light" Certificate:

To complement her theme, DG Patti presented a **"Your Service is a Guiding Light" Certificate**, which she designed, to Lion Mike Caravello. This special recognition honors a club member who quietly serves behind the scenes, makes a meaningful difference, and may never seek or receive recognition for their service.

Monarch Chevron Awards: District Governor Patti Wurzbacher presented Chevron Awards recognizing the following years of Lions service:

- **10 Years:** Lions Bob Dippel, Bob Buhrig, Diane Hartzell, Sue Miller, and Tawnya Kling
- **55 Years:** Lion Terry Hartzell

Important Business:

Club President Lion Patti Clark presented a check for \$2,000 to support District Governor Patti Wurzbacher's projects. The club budgeted \$20 per 100 members for this contribution.

The \$2,000 donation will be distributed among the District Governor's designated projects as follows:

County Food Banks	11%	Lions of Pennsylvania Foundation	5%
District 14-C Disaster Relief	5%	Northeast PA Lions Service Foundation	5%
District 14-C Eye Screening Capital Fund	5%	PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp	12%
District 14-C Leo Club Support	5%	PA Lions Care for the Kids (Four Diamonds)	14%
Leader Dogs for the Blind	6%	PA Lions Hearing Research Foundation	5%
Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF)	12%	PA Lions Sight Conservation and Eye Research Foundation	5%
Diabetes Awareness and Education	5%	Support for District 14-C K-9 Units	5%

Book Drive: District Governor Patti Wurzbacher is also conducting a book drive to benefit children with pediatric cancer, a project that is especially meaningful to her. The Mechanicsburg Lions Club collected **183 books**, which were presented to DG Patti by Club President Lion Patti Clark.

Other Information:

- **Lifetime Achievement Award – Lion Lana McCaulley:**

Lion Mike Fenicle shared that Lion Lana McCaulley was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Lions International Trading Pin Club (LITPC). This prestigious honor is reserved for members who have demonstrated exemplary service and dedication to the organization throughout their lifetime.

- **Fall Picnic – September 13, 2026**

Lions Kathy Burkhart and JoAnn Webber provided an update on the picnic. There are enough people signed up to proceed as planned. An email will be sent to those who have signed up with additional details.

- **Holiday Nut/Candy Sale:**

Lion Bill Dixon reported that he distributed the Holiday Nut/Candy Sale order forms prior to the meeting. The sale began September 1, and all orders should be turned in by October 20. The nuts and candy will arrive prior to Thanksgiving.

- **Upcoming Service Projects:** Lion Karen McKendry provided a brief review of upcoming service projects and encouraged members to reach out to her with any questions.

- Community Aid Coat Drive: Coats are being collected at both Lions meetings in September.
- Operation Wildcat – Tykes to Teens: September 17. Stores donate clothing to Operation Wildcat, and volunteers remove the tags and sort the clothing by size into bins.
- Car Show at Legends: September 19. A small car show will be held for the residents at Legends.
- Pink Hands of Hope: September 28. Various service projects will be available.
- Harvest Festival: October 9. Lions will participate in the local festival and will do crafts with the children.
- Halloween Parade: October 13. Lions will assist with getting parade participants lined up.
- Operation Wildcat Yard Sale: October 23–24. Volunteers are needed to help set up on October 22 and/or work the sale on October 23 and 24.
- Decorating at Legends: November 30. Lions will help decorate for Christmas.
- New Hope Food Bank: Lions volunteer every Friday and additional volunteers are needed.

Lion Karen also shared that the individual for whom the club provided grant assistance to obtain a hearing aid has received their hearing aid.

- **Form 990:** Lion Bob Dippel reported that the Form 990 has been filed.

- **Website:** Lion Mike Clark provided a review of the public portion of the club's website. Eventually, there will also be a members-only section of the website.

- **Lion Shirts:** Lion Diane Hartzell reported that she is closing out the current shirt order.

- **Hanging Baskets:** Lion Kirk Freed reported that the signage on the hanging baskets at Center Square Park will be replaced and will eventually be made more permanent.

- **Vision Screenings:** Lion Jim Miller reported that the club has five vision screenings scheduled for September and October: September 15 and 16, and October 9, 27, and 30. Sign-ups will be forthcoming.

- **Red Cross Blood Drive:** Lion Karl Heimbach reported that the Blood Drive will be held on November 12. The website is open to sign up.

- **New Patches:** Club President Lion Patti Clark informed the group that the club has received two new date patches for the Lions banner. The first is the Member Satisfaction Award, and the second is the Melvin Jones Fellowship.

Adjournment: Club President Lion Patti Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes taken by Lion Vicki Alfieri