



Mechanicsburg Lions “Roar” April, 2026

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

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Congrats Lion Duke!

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 our Club.



Annual Dues Payment

All current Lions will receive an email invoice in early May for the annual dues payment of \$83.00 for regular members & \$58.00 for a Lion spouse. This amount will cover all International, State, District & Local dues for the 2026-27 Lions year that ends on June 30, 2027. Please make checks payable to: “Lions Club of Mechanicsburg PA”. This payment can be made at either of our May meetings or can be mailed to Lion Ted Cramer at his home address: 37 Presidents Drive Mech. PA 17050

Calendar of Events

- 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
- Apr.10-12 Beacon Lodge Work Weekend
- April 10 Operation Wildcat Yard Sale
- April 11 District 14-C Convention Wisheaven Event Center, York, PA
- April 16 Kindergarten Academy Vision Screening 3:00-6:00
- April 17 One80 Dinner
- April 18 Earth Day at Soldiers & Sailors Park
- April 21 Club Open House: 6:00 Social - 6:45 Dinner**
- April 21 Sub Sale order forms & payments due**
- April 22 Kindergarten Academy Vision Screening 3:00-6:00
- April 29 Subs delivery** at the McKendry Lions home at 35 Presidents Dr.
- May 5 Mission Central 9:15-11:45
- May 5 Regular Meeting: Guest Speaker PDG Tom Jones: Beacon Lodge
- May 9 Ribbon Cutting – Mechanicsburg Square
- 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 Business Meeting: Guest Speakers: Shelly Bitting and Joel Wierman -“Your PA Move Manager”
- Sept. 1 Regular Meeting 5:45 Social – 6:30 Dinner-DG Visitation
- Sept. 13 Fall Picnic 1:00-5:00 Pleasant View Park

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!

April 7th Dinner Meeting & Election of Officers

This will be our business meeting for the month. Please plan to attend & participate in the review, discussion & approval of club events. We will also have the Election of 2026-27 Club Officers. The Nomination committee recommendations were approved at our March 3rd meeting without any additional nominations. We will vote to approve the committee's recommendations.



Welcome Lion Brian!

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.

Sub Sale Fundraiser

Our annual Sub Sale Fundraiser has begun. All order forms & payments should be turned on or before April 21st. You can bring them to our April meetings or contact Lion Brenda Robinson at: robbrenl@yahoo.com. The subs can be picked up on April 29th from 10:30 - 11:30 at the home of Lions Dennis and Karen McKendry, 35 Presidents Dr., Mechanicsburg, PA 17050 (Traditions of America Silver Spring). Karen McKendry (717) 319-9998.

Message from Club President Coco Houghtaling

With daylight saving time starting, we can look forward to warmer days. As the days get longer and warmer, we will have many opportunities to give to our community. Soon we will begin vision screening for students in Mechanicsburg. I would encourage anyone who is interested in helping with this wonderful project to contact Jim Miller. The kids are great and we all enjoy interacting with them. Earth Day is also coming up. It is another great way to get out into the community encouraging kids to think about the environment, while having a good time. Our yearly Open House is in April. Membership is important to be able to continue to do our community service. Please invite a friend to come see what we are all about. Congratulations and thanks to Lion Duke Brenneman for his 65 years of service as a Lion. He is such an inspiration to all of us. Thanks to all of you who helped to make our St. Patrick's Day celebration a success. *Lion Coco*

Lions' April Birthdays

Lion Karl Heimbach: April 1	Lion Jeff Woodward: April 2	Lions Linda O'Keefe & Don Stack: April 3
Lion Lynn Hochstetler: April 19	Lion Mike Fenicle: April 20	Lion Karen McKendry: April 26
Lion Don Graewe: April 28		

Happy Anniversary!

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

April Anniversaries

Duke Brenneman	65 years
Ted Cramer	37 years
Steve Harriman	21 years

May Anniversaries

Jeff Woodward	41 years	Vicki Alfieri	5 years	Kathy & John Burkhart	1 Year
Bernie Grifford	31 years	Mary Beritsky	3 years	Wenda Clouser	1 Year
Bill Dixon	8 years	Patti & Mike Clark	3 years	Cindy Cramer	1 Year
Shirley Dixon	8 years	Linda & Mark O'Keefe	3 years	Kirk Freed	1 Year
Nan Alleman	7 years	June Fry	2 years	Greg & Jill Paukert	1 Year
Linda Glantz	7 years	Courtney Hickman	2 years	Ruth Romako	1 Year
Connie Kuntz	7 years	Barbara Bradshaw	2 years		
Pam Weaver	5 years	Nancy Shaffer	5 years		
Lois Young	3 years	Ellen Mank	2 years		



MEETING THE NEEDS OF ALL
STUDENTS IN OUR DISTRICT

Operation Wildcat's Yard Sale will take place on Friday, April 10, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

We currently have volunteers scheduled from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. However, additional help is greatly appreciated and you are welcome to sign up for any available 2-hour time slot throughout the day. We also need assistance with setup on Thursday, April 9. A few volunteers are already scheduled at various times between 12:00 PM and 8:00 PM, but extra help would be very beneficial.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Vicki Alfieri at vdellig@gmail.com or 717-991-7562. Thank you for your support!

Operation Wildcat's Project Spring for Socks

The Lions Club of Mechanicsburg proudly supported Operation Wildcat's Project Spring for Socks—an initiative dedicated to providing new socks and underwear to families in the Mechanicsburg Area School District. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we collected an incredible 403 pairs of underwear and 201 pairs of socks during our March meetings! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed—your kindness is making a real difference. When there's a need, Lions step up.



Operation Wildcat's Yard Sale Prep

Eight members of the Lions Club of Mechanicsburg spent their Saturday afternoon giving back at the Operation Wildcat warehouse. Together, we sorted pots and pans, priced items for the upcoming yard sale, and helped with some organization. It was a productive and rewarding day filled with teamwork and a shared commitment to service. We're grateful for the opportunity to support such a wonderful organization and make a positive impact in our community! *Lion Vicki*



A collage of 16 photographs capturing various moments from the 2017 Farmers Market at the Old Town Square. The images show a diverse range of market activities: vendors displaying fresh produce like tomatoes and leafy greens; people, including children, browsing and shopping; a large, fluffy white dog sitting prominently; a person dressed as a blue, bubbly character; a historic red brick building with a green street sign that reads "MARKET"; a SolarCity booth with the slogan "Power for more."; and various other stalls and interactions typical of a bustling outdoor farmers market.



Get ready to roll up your sleeves for Beacon Lodge Work Weekend for 14-C on April 11th. Plan to arrive by 8:30 am. The day is spent getting the grounds ready for the summer campers. The Camp does have tools, but be prepared to bring some work gloves with you. If you are an early bird, they will have breakfast and definitely lunch for everyone. It is a great way for our club to participate and help keep the camp's costs down by helping prepare the camp. Come for any part of the weekend. You are welcome to arrive on Friday evening. Lodging is provided but you are on your own for dinner on Friday evening, April 10th. You are also welcome to stay Saturday evening at the camp. Any unfinished projects are completed Sunday morning! If you are able to help, **please contact Karen McKendry** so we can give them a head count for the work and meals. kdmckendry@comcast.net or 717-319-9998.

Click here to learn more about the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp: <https://beaconlodge.org/>

Mechanicsburg Lions Club

6th Annual "We Serve" Golf Tournament



The logo features a cartoon lion with orange fur, a blue visor, and a wide smile. It is holding a golf club with a silver head and a black shaft. Below the lion, the word "LION" is written in large, blue, block letters with a white outline, and "GOLFER" is written in smaller, yellow, block letters with a blue outline. A white golf ball is positioned between the two words.

July 10, 2026 @



The logo for Mayapple Golf Club features the word "Mayapple" in a stylized, cursive font, with "GOLF CLUB" in a smaller, sans-serif font below it. A red flag is positioned to the right of the text.



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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>



Jared Box Project

The Mechanicsburg Lions Club recently came together in a remarkable show of compassion and community spirit to support young patients in need. Through a coordinated club effort, members purchased and assembled 49 Jared Boxes, which were donated to UPMC Children's Cancer Hospital in Mechanicsburg. The Jared Box Project is a nationwide initiative focused on providing small boxes filled with gifts, toys, and activities to children undergoing medical treatment. Each box is thoughtfully designed to offer comfort, entertainment, and a welcome distraction during what can often be a difficult and uncertain time. For this project, the Lions carefully organized the boxes into five different age groups to ensure each child would receive items appropriate for their developmental stage

and interests. The boxes were filled with a variety of engaging items, including coloring books, reading books, small toys, and other comforting surprises—all neatly packed into plastic shoe bins for easy use and transport. What made this effort especially meaningful was the level of participation within the club. A total of 32 Lions contributed their time, energy, and resources to make the project a success. From shopping and organizing supplies to assembling the boxes, the teamwork displayed exemplified the Lions Club's ongoing commitment to serving the community. This initiative not only provided tangible support to children and families facing serious health challenges, but it also reinforced the power of collective goodwill. The Mechanicsburg Lions Club continues to demonstrate that even small acts—when multiplied by many caring hands—can make a significant difference. Projects like these highlight the heart of Lionism: service, compassion, and dedication to improving lives. The club looks forward to continuing its support of meaningful causes and making a positive impact both locally and beyond. *Lion Karen McKendry*

2026-27 Officer Candidates

Office	Name
President	Patti Clark
1st Vice President	Steve Harriman
2nd Vice President	Brenda Robinson
Immediate Past Pres.	Coco Houghtaling
Secretary	Vicki Alfieri
Treasurer	Bob Dippel
Asst. Treasurer	Debi Wiest
Chaplain	Lisa Chase
Lion Tamer	Lee Snyder
Asst. Lion Tamer	Mike Clark
Tail Twister	Ellen Mank
Asst. Tail Twister	Jeff Woodward
Membership Chairman	Ted Cramer
Club Safety Officer	Leroy Weaver
Club LCIF Coordinator	Terry Hartzell
Club Service Chair	Karen McKendry
Club Marketing Chair	Kirk Freed
Directors	Name
1 year:	Wayne DeFonzo
1 Year:	Rachel Milbrand
1 Year	Lois Young
2 Year:	Mike Caravello
2 Year:	John Burkhart
2 Year:	Bob Hilinski