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"We Serve" Golf Tournament 2026

(by Lion Wayne DeFonzo)

On Friday July 10, 2026, the Mechanicsburg Lions Club hosted its 6th Annual "We Serve" Golf Tournament at Mayapple Golf Club in Carlisle. We hosted 112 golfers, another sold out event. Eight Club members participated and here are some interesting facts from the tournament results as it relates to our Club members. In the Open Flight, Forrest Brenneman, a family member of Lion Duke was part of the 1st place team, Lion Jock Alfieri was on the 2nd place team and Lion Ed Burda was on the 3rd place team. Lions Karen & Dennis McKendry's foursome won the Mixed Flight. The most important aspect of our charity fundraiser is the money we raised to support our Club's charitable endeavors. We had a budget for profit of \$8000. I'm happy to report that not only did we exceed budget, but this year's profit of \$14,102 set a new record and was \$3297 better than last year. We had 87 sponsors this year, another strong showing. Sponsorship donations of \$11,638 made up 83% of our profit and several Club members helped drive this number. Thanks to Lions Paula Hunt Zizzi, John Anthony, Debra Basehore Wiest, Nancy Shaffer, Mike & Linda Fenicle, Jim & Sue Miller, Tawnya Kling, and Stacy Kyle for their donations. Special Thanks to Lion Kirk Freed and Buhrig's who once again donated all the water and contributed significantly to the golfer giveaway bags. And to one of our newest members, Lion Ed Burda, who helped secure snacks from Utz for the golfers.

There is no tournament without the support of our Club members. We had thirty-six Club members that logged 375 service hours. Thank you to all that helped make this year's tournament another success. So for now, there is one last thing you need to do.....mark your calendars for Friday July 9, 2027 when we will host our 7th Annual "We Serve" golf tournament at Mayapple Golf Club.

LION'S AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug 1	Charlie Rixey	Aug 19	Joel Wierman
Aug 3	Jayne Drake	Aug 20	Barbara Bradshaw
Aug 8	Mike Clark & Stacy Kyle	Aug 22	Jo-Ann Webber
Aug 16	Connie Kuntz		



NEXT MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2026
Guest Speakers: Lions Shelly
Bitting & Joel Wierman:
"Your PA Move Manager"

Lions of the Year



Lions Mike and Linda Fenicle were named the Lions of the Year for 2025-26 in recognition of their outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the Lions Club of Mechanicsburg and the community.

Lion Mike has been a Lion for 18 years and is a Melvin Jones Fellow. Throughout his years of service, Lion Mike has held numerous leadership roles, including Club President, Zone Chair, Club Director, Assistant Chaplain, and Chaplain. He was sponsored by Lion Lana McCaulley's late husband, Lion Tim McCaulley, who served the club in many capacities for many years.

Lion Linda has been a Lion for 13 years and has provided exceptional leadership as Club President, Vice President, and Club Director. She was sponsored by Past District Governor Lion Fred Lamason. Together, Lions Mike and Linda have made a significant impact on the Lions Club of Mechanicsburg. They were instrumental in organizing the club's first-ever National Night Out event in downtown Mechanicsburg, helping introduce the Lions' mission and service to the community in a meaningful way. They also proudly represented the club at the first-ever Non-Profit Day, strengthening the club's visibility and community engagement.

Behind the scenes, Lions Mike and Linda have dedicated countless hours to sorting, counting, and delivering thousands of donated eyeglasses, contact lenses, and hearing aids for recycling—an important service project that positively impacts lives around the world.

The club extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Lions Mike and Linda Fenicle for their dedication, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the ideals of Lionism. Their service truly reflects the meaning of **"We Serve."**

August Membership Anniversaries

Dennis McKendry	6 years
Karen McKendry	6 years
Barbara Perry	6 years



District Governor Visit

Our new District Governor Lion Patti Wurzbacher will be visiting our club at our September 1 meeting. Let's give District Governor Patti a warm Mechanicsburg Lions welcome by having a great turnout!



Presidential Appreciation Plaque

On behalf of our entire membership, Lion Ted Cramer presents a Presidential Appreciation Plaque to Lion Coco Houghtaling for her outstanding service as our 2025-26 Club President. Lion Coco has been a Lion since June of 2022 and has dedicated herself to the Service of our membership and beyond since the very beginning. Thanks for your great leadership Lion Coco!

Message from Club President Patti Clark

I hope that everyone is having a pleasant summer, whether you are visiting loved ones, enjoying a well-deserved vacation, or simply unwinding at home.

July marked a very successful 6th Annual "We Serve" Golf Tournament. We extend our gratitude to Lion Wayne DeFonzo for his exceptional efforts in organizing this event.

As I stated when reviewing my yearly goals, I'm aiming for at least two new fundraisers. If anyone has any ideas, please let me know. I'd also like the membership to get to know one another better - the picnic in September will definitely help; also take advantage of the social time before the meetings begin. This is a great time to introduce yourself to those you don't know.

As a reminder, District Governor Patti Wurzbacher is scheduled to visit us on September 1st. I encourage all members to demonstrate the strength and unity of the Mechanicsburg Lions Club. If you have one, please wear your Lions shirt and name badge.

I look forward to seeing you all at our August meeting.

Lion Patti

Save the Date! Lion's Picnic in the Park

Date: September 13, 2026

Place: Pleasant View Park 1:00 - 5:00 pm

The Meat will be provided.

Needed: Sides, Bread, Desserts, Drinks, Chips, Plates, Napkins and Plastic Utensils

More info & Sign-Up at our August 11 meeting.



Featured Lion of the Month by Lion Patti Clark

PCC Terry Hartzell is a native of the Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania, and moved to Northern, VA after graduating from Bucknell University. In 1968, due to accepting a job with IBM he relocated to Linwood, NJ. In 1976 he moved his family to Apalachin, New York, where he subsequently joined the Lions Club in 1979 alongside several colleagues. During his tenure in Apalachin, PCC Terry served as Club President, District Governor from 2012 to 2013, followed by Council Chair from 2013 to 2014. He has also participated in nine International Conventions - Birmingham, England, Busan, South Korea, Hamburg, Germany, Chicago (2), Toronto, Honolulu, Hawaii, and Philadelphia and 2 USA/Canada Forums.

His most significant and fulfilling experience as a Lion was his involvement with the Vision Screening program. Notably, during a screening event in Rochester, New York, a child was identified with a tumor behind her eye, a condition that would have been fatal if not detected during vision screening. In 2014, Terry and his wife, Diane, moved to Mechanicsburg to be nearer to their grandsons - Findley and Alexander - and their families Heather/Matt Crudder and Sean/Leann Hartzell.

Lion Shirt Orders

Lion shirt orders will be taken at the next few club meetings.

Please note: We will **not** have sample shirts available to try on. The shirts run **true to size**, so you should feel comfortable ordering your usual size. Not sure what size to order? Here's a fun way to get to know your fellow Lions—ask someone who looks to be about your size what they ordered! (Just be sure to keep it lighthearted!)

If you have any questions, see **Diane Hartzell or Jill Paukert**.

A U G U S T	1	Community Day
	1 & 2	York Fair Fundraiser
	2	Sunday Market
	4	National Night Out
	8	Community Aid Day Sale
	9	Sunday Market
	11	Business Meeting: Lions Shelly Bitting & Joel Wierman: "Your PA Move Manager"
	14	180 Game Night
	16	Sunday Market
	22	District 14C Cabinet Meeting
	22	Operation Wildcat Project Clothing
	23	Sunday Market
	30	Sunday Market

S	TBD	Operation Wildcat Tykes to Teens
E	1	Mission Central Service Event Tentative
P	1	Regular Meeting: District Governor Patti Wurzbacher Visit
T	6	Sunday Market
E	13	Fall Picnic Pleasant View Park 1:00 -5:00
M	1 & 15	Community Aid coat drive
B	15	Business Meeting
E	28	Pink Hands of Hope Service Project
R		

O	6	Regular Meeting
C	13	Halloween Parade
T	17	Streets of Treats & White Cane Day
O	20	Business Meeting
B	21	Bosco's Friends Helping Friends Fundraising event
E	23 & 24	Operation Wildcat Yard Sale
R	25	Breakthrough T1D Walk

Beacon Lodge – Pennsylvania Lions Appreciation Day

By Lion Patti Clark

The Pennsylvania Lions Appreciation Day (PLAD) was held on July 19 at the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp in Mount Union, Pennsylvania. This annual event welcomed Pennsylvania Lions and their families for a fun-filled day of activities, including a scavenger hunt, trivia, a basket raffle, camp tours, a delicious chicken barbecue, and the always-popular Great Duck Race. One of the highlights of the day was a special performance by the campers, who expressed their appreciation to the Lions for their continued support of the camp and its mission. Five members of our club attended this year's event: Patti and Mike Clark, Steve and Danielle Harriman, and Jeff Woodward.



Project Back to School: Helping Students Start Strong

By Lion Karen McKendry

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our members, this year's **Project Back to School** was another tremendous success!

The purpose of this annual project is simple but impactful: to provide students throughout the Mechanicsburg School District with essential school supplies and personal care items so they can begin the school year with confidence and the tools they need to succeed.

This year, we collected **more than 600 school supplies and personal care items** for **Operation Wildcat**, whose staff were thrilled to receive the donations. These supplies will benefit many local students and families as they prepare for the new school year.

Among the donated items were:

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| • 98 folders | 27 boxes of colored pencils |
| • 74 headsets | 26 packs of pencils |
| • 40 notebooks | 26 packs of erasers |
| • 39 bars of soap | 18 packs of markers |
| • 36 packs of highlighters | 16 packs of pens |
| • 36 glue sticks | 16 boxes of crayons |
| • 28 packs of index cards | |

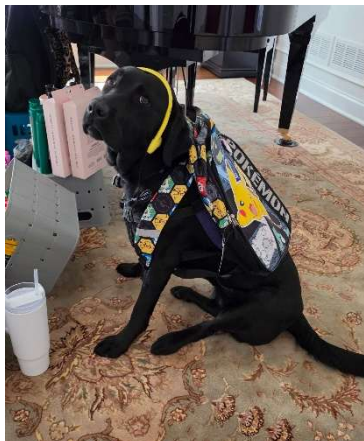


In addition, members donated **159 other items**, including loose-leaf paper, backpacks, calculators, lunch boxes, books, sticky notes, pencil sharpeners, scissors, rulers, water bottles, hairbrushes, shampoo and conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shaving supplies, hair accessories, tab dividers, and many other essentials.

When the donations were delivered, Melissa from Operation Wildcat shared that these items make a meaningful difference for students and families throughout our community. Every notebook, backpack, and personal care item helps relieve financial stress and gives children the opportunity to begin the school year ready to learn.

Esther, our favorite Susquehanna Service Dog, couldn't resist trying on a few of the donated supplies. We're not sure she's ready for school, but she definitely earned an **A+ in fashion!**

A heartfelt thank you to the members of the Mechanicsburg Lions Club for your outstanding generosity and support of Project Back to School. Your willingness to give is helping local students start the school year with confidence, dignity, and the supplies they need to succeed. Together, we are making a lasting impact in our community.



Operation Wildcat – Project Clothing: Lions Lend a Helping Hand

By Lion Karen McKendry

Service was in full swing on **Saturday, July 25**, as **12 Mechanicsburg Lions** volunteered their time to support **Operation Wildcat's Project Clothing**.

Project Clothing provides gently used clothing to families in need throughout the Mechanicsburg School District. With an incredible volume of donated clothing arriving year-round, volunteers play a vital role in sorting, organizing, and preparing items for distribution.

During this service project, our Lions tackled several important tasks, including organizing the pants section, checking clothing racks, and selecting complete outfits for families preparing for the upcoming school year. Operation Wildcat's dedicated organizers have spent the summer transforming and organizing their storage area, ensuring they are ready to meet the increased demand as students head back to school.

One of the highlights of the day was seeing our club's impact come full circle. As volunteers assembled clothing packages, they were also able to include backpacks and school supplies donated through the Mechanicsburg Lions' **Project Back to School**. Together, these donations will help students and their families begin the school year with confidence and the essentials they need to succeed.

Thank you to the 12 Lions who generously gave their time and energy on Saturday. Your willingness to serve reflects the true spirit of Lionism—strengthening our community one act of kindness at a time. Your hands-on service is making a meaningful difference in the lives of local families.



Lion Jacoba Anderson Memorial Brick

By Lion Ted Cramer

Our club has established a tradition of donating a Memorial Brick at the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp when one of our members passes away.

This is a lasting tribute to our dedicated Lions for their service. Pictured above is a photo of our most recent donation in memory of recently deceased

Lion Jacoba Anderson, better known to us as Lion Jake.

She joined our club in June of 2022 and passed away in December, 2025. Before she joined us, she was a Lion in the Hanover, PA Lions Club, serving as their

Club President for many years! Her previously deceased husband was an International Director, visiting & interacting with Lions all over the world! Lion Jake was a dedicated Lion for many years in many different clubs. We always loved seeing her smiling face at our meetings & other events – We miss you Lion Jake!



Volunteers Needed for the Mechanicsburg Sunday Market

By Lion Karen McKendry

Looking for a fun way to serve our community? Here's a great opportunity!

Mosaic Events has launched the new **Mechanicsburg Sunday Market**, which will be held every Sunday through **September 6**. The market showcases local farmers, artisans, and small businesses while bringing the community together in a vibrant, family-friendly atmosphere.

The market is open from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** in the front parking lot of the **Joseph T. Simpson Public Library**, 16 N. Walnut Street, Mechanicsburg.

Our fellow Lion, **John Anthony**, has asked if the Mechanicsburg Lions Club could provide **two volunteers each Sunday for as many Sundays as possible** to assist with the event.

Volunteers would:

- Arrive at **8:30 a.m.** to help set up three tables, two canopies, and four chairs for the Library, Mosaic Events, and the Community Leadership Council. There is plenty of parking in the lots beside the library.
- At **2:00 p.m.** help tear down and store the equipment.
- Staff the Community Leadership Council booth during the market, distributing information about the free **Mechanicsburg Connect** app and encouraging visitors to sign up.
- Hand out reusable shopping bags to market patrons while supplies last.

We are seeking volunteers for the following Sundays:

August 2, August 9, August 16, August 23, August 30, and September 6.

If you are available to help on any of these dates, please contact Karen McKendry at kdmckendry@comcast.net or 717-319-9998.

Thank you for helping showcase our community and supporting another great service opportunity for the Mechanicsburg Lions Club!

Don't forget to scan the code for Mechanicsburg Connects and see what is happening in our community.



"We Serve" Golf Tournament 2026 Additional Photos



Many Hands, One Great Event!



TOGETHER WE SERVE!!!





Every Great Tournament Needs Great Volunteers!

