



# Mechanicsburg Lions “Roar” July, 2026

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

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## Melvin Jones Fellowship 2026

Congrats to Lions Bill Dixon & Jeff Woodward for earning the very coveted Melvin Jones Fellowship & thanks to LCIF Chair PCC Terry Hartzell for leading the way! Thanks to both Lions for their service & congrats for receiving this well-deserved award! See more photos on the following pages...

## Membership Report

The Mechanicsburg Lions Club now has 100 members, tied with the Howard Lions Club for the largest club in the state of Pennsylvania! Our total membership is 60 higher than it was 10 years ago!



## Calendar of Events

- 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
- July 24-Aug.2 York Fair Fundraiser
- Aug. 1 Community Day
- Aug. 4 National Night Out
- Aug.11 Business Meeting: Guest Speakers: Lions Shelly Bitting & Joel Wierman -“Your PA Move Manager”
- Aug. 14 180 Game Night
- Aug. 22 Operation Wildcat Project Clothing
- Sept. 1 Mission Central
- Sept. 1 Regular Meeting 5:45 Social – 6:30 Dinner-DG Visitation
- Sept. 13 Fall Picnic 1:00-5:00 Pleasant View Park
- Sept. Community Aid coat drive – both meetings
- Sept. 28 Pink Hands Of Hope Service Project
- Oct. 25 Breakthrough T1D Walk

## July 14 Dinner Meeting

This will be our business meeting for the month. Please plan to attend & participate in the review, discussion & approval of club events. Everyone is invited to attend! Dinner fees are now \$20 each.

## Summer Meetings

It’s been a tradition for many years in our club to only have one meeting per month during July & August. We will have both meetings at Buhrig’s Gathering Place. Our first summer meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>** and our second meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**. In September, we will resume our regular schedule of having meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Dinner fee is now \$20.00

## Lions’ July Birthdays

- July 4 Lion Ellen Mank
- July 6 Lions Lana McCaulley & Tawnya Kling
- July 7 Lions Helen Caravello & Nancy Shaffer
- July 9 Lion Mary Beritsky
- July 22 Lion Ken Berkebile
- July 26 Lion Marie Zeigler
- July 28 Lions Linda Fenicle & Glenn Gelbaugh
- July 30 Lion Brenda Robinson

### **Message from Club President Patti Clark**

Dear Lions Members,

We finished the 2025-2026 year strong with 100 members! I would like to take a moment to welcome all of our newest members. I am certain you will find your service with the Lions to be both inspiring and impactful. My advice is to find a project that interests you and volunteer; it is a wonderful way to meet fellow members while giving back to the community. To our long-standing members, I encourage you to reach out and help our new members acclimate to the club. Membership retention is a collective responsibility, and it is vital that everyone feels included. Remember, we are "Together in Service," and your experience is incredibly valuable. In the July newsletter, we have highlighted Lion Duke Brenneman. Each month, I will randomly select a member to be interviewed as a small step toward helping our large group get to know one another better. Thank you, Duke, for being so accommodating and willing to participate in our first "*Featured Lion of the Month*". The summer will be active for us with the "We Serve" Golf Tournament on July 10th, the York Fair, Community Day on August 1st, and National Night Out on August 4th. I hope everyone enjoys the summer and returns this fall refreshed and ready to serve. I will go over my goals for the year at our July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. In the meantime, I wish you all an enjoyable summer..

*Lion Patti*

### **Featured Lion of the Month** by Lion Patti Clark



Born in Hazleton, PA, Duke relocated with his family to Mechanicsburg at the age of one. It was in Mechanicsburg that his family's legacy in the quarry business began, with their ownership of Locust Point Quarry. Following an accident involving Duke's uncle, the quarry was transferred to his father, and Duke subsequently assumed ownership after his father's passing.

In 1961, when his father was unable to attend a Lions meeting, Duke stepped in as a representative and became a member that same evening. Throughout Duke's tenure as a Lion, numerous transformations have occurred, with the inclusion of women in the club being regarded as the most impactful and positive change. Duke has served as President on two occasions, held the position of Zone Chair, and is a distinguished recipient of the 50, 55 and 65 Year Monarch Awards from Lions International!

Thank you, Duke, for your many years of service.

Thanks Lion Duke – for all you have done for our club during the last 65 years!

### **100% Attendance Awards 2025-26**

Each Lion must have attended at least 11 meetings + Service Hours that equal 21 meetings) (2 Service Hours=1 meeting) (Average attendance per meeting (2025-26: 58.5) (2024-25: 47.6) (2023-24:43.5)

Ted Cramer, Mike Fenicle, Patti Clark, Coco Houghtaling, Linda Fenicle, Mike Caravello, Vicki Alfieri, Karl Heimbach, Lana McCaulley, Karen McKendry, Jim Miller, Bill Dixon, Wayne DeFonzo, Tawnya Kling, Shirley Dixon, Bob Dippel, Mike Clark, Nancy Shaffer, Dwane Houghtaling, Ruth Romako, Barbara Bradshaw, Linda Glantz, Sue Miller, Ellen Mank, Bob Hilinski, Rachel Milbrand, Jo-Ann Webber, Carolyn Gearhart, Becky Heimbach, Monica Latz, Kathi Burkhart, John Burkhart, Mark O'Keefe, Helen Caravello, Debi Wiest, Brenda Robinson, Larry Christine, Jeff Woodward, Pam Weaver, Duke Brenneman, Leroy Weaver, Lee Snyder, Barb Perry, Kathy Christine, Marie Ziegler, Deanna Williams, Doris Moss, Steve Harriman

### **July Membership Anniversaries**

Karen Ferrick.....1 Year  
Jo-Ann Webber.....1 Year

Paul Ferrick.....1 Year  
Lana McCaulley....24 years

Ginny Stack....1 Year

### Monarch Awards

Lions International has established a tradition of awarding Monarch awards every 5 years beginning with year #10. Our club starts with year #5! Some of our Monarchs were absent & will be given their certificates at a later date. Thanks to Lion Duke Brennehan (65 Lion years) for presenting the awards!

*5 Year Member:* Lion Vicki Alfieri

*5 Year Member:* Lion Stacy Kyle

*5 Year Member:* Lion Doris Moss

*5 Year Member:* Lion Pam Weaver

*10 Year Monarch:* Lion Diane Hartzell

*10 Year Monarch:* Lion Sue Miller

*5 Year Member:* Lion Nancy Shaffer



### Lions Shirts Available Now

We have a limited supply of the dark blue Lions shirts available for purchase at a cost of \$25 each. You can see samples of them in the various photos in this newsletter. The only remaining sizes are 2 Men's Large & 2 XXX Large. Contact Lion Patti Clark if you are interested in buying one: [patticlark1216@gmail.com](mailto:patticlark1216@gmail.com)

For everyone else, Lion Diane Hartzell will be taking orders for the Lions Polo shirts & the long sleeve denim shirts at our July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Prices start at \$25 & go up depending on size. Purchasing a Lions shirt is not required.

### Welcome to our newest Lions

Thanks to PDG Fred Lamason for inducting our new members at both meetings in June & thanks to their sponsors for their leadership! We look forward to serving with you!

#### New Lion

Don Graewe

Sue Menser

Mary Brillhart

Brenda Sims

Shelly Bitting

Danielle Harriman

#### Sponsor

Lion John Burkhardt

Lion Kathi Burkhardt

Lion June Fry

Lion Barbara Bradshaw

Lion Stacy Kyle

Lion Steve Harriman

#### New Lion

Karen Graewe

Ed Burda

Peggy Whitman

Jim Alderman

Joel Wierman

Matt Smith

#### Sponsor

Lion Kathi Burkhardt

Lion Wayne DeFonzo

Lion Carolyn Gearhart

Lion Ted Cramer

Lion Stacy Kyle

Lion Steve Harriman





### **Golf Tournament Update** by *Lion Wayne DeFonzo*

As everyone knows, our 6th annual charity "We Serve" golf tournament is July 10th at Mayapple Golf Club in Carlisle. We have a great field of golfers again this year. Thank you to everyone that helped make this happen. Thirty-seven club members have volunteered to work at the tournament. So for now....as they say on the tour...fore please, next on the tee.....

### **Passing the Gavel**

Our 2025-26 Club President Lion Coco Houghtaling passes the gavel to our 2026-27 President Lion Patti Clark. Pictured below is Lion Coco reviewing the certificate created by Lion Ted as appreciation from our membership for her service. Thanks to Lion Coco for her wonderful leadership & best of all to Lion Patti as she starts her journey as our new leader!





### **Certificates of Appreciation**

Certificates of Appreciation from DG Doug Nace were presented by President Coco to Lions Patti Clark & Karen McKendry for sponsoring 2 Lions in the current Lions year. Lion Barbara Bradshaw will receive her certificate at our next meeting.

### **LCIF Chair Terry Hartzell Congratulates new Mevin Jones Fellows**



### **Center Square Ribbon Cutting** by *Lion Coco Houghtaling*

On June 20, the Lions Club of Mechanicsburg participated in the ribbon cutting for the new Center Square in downtown Mechanicsburg. The Lions Club is a contributor to this 200 year old vision for a place the community can come together. Mechanicsburg Lion Dr. Jane Drake was the driving force behind this community project.



