



Mechanicsburg Lions “Roar” June, 2026

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

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Guest Speaker – PDG Tom Jones

During the May 5th meeting, we had the privilege of hosting PDG Tom Jones as our guest speaker, where he delivered a highly informative presentation detailing the latest developments from the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp. His presentation encompassed a comprehensive review of the camp's history, an outline of this year's camping sessions, and an expression of gratitude to our club for its continued support and commitment of volunteers for the work weekends. Following his presentation, President Coco Houghtaling formally presented Mr. Jones with a commemorative plaque. We were also happy to have PDG Lisa Griffe and Lion Ann Snyder visit us from the Hanover Lions Club.

Annual Dues

Thanks to the 95 Lions who have already paid their dues for the 2026-27 fiscal year! If you haven't paid yet, please mail your \$83 check or \$58 for a family member (Payable to Lions Club of Mechanicsburg PA) directly to Lion Ted Cramer ASAP! (37 Presidents Dr. Mechanicsburg 17050). You can also pay your dues at our June 2nd meeting. We need you to continue as a member to do the good work of Lions at home and abroad. Your check must be received by June 25th if you want to remain a Lion. Thanks so much for hanging in – we value everyone as members! If you are having financial difficulties at home, please contact one of our officers.

Calendar of Events

- June Collection for OW school supplies at both meetings & clothing drive for Community Aid
- June 2 Business Meeting: 5:45 Social – 6:30 Dinner
- June 18 Jubilee Day: Noon-7:00 Burhig's Breezeway 37 E. Main St.
- June 20 Ribbon Cutting Central Square Park: 1 West Main St. 10:30 AM
- June 23 Installation/New Member Induction Night 5:45 Social 6:30 Din.
- 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
- 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

June 2nd 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!

Final Meeting June 23rd – Save the Date!

All Lions, spouses & friends are invited to attend our final meeting of the Lions year on June 23rd. This is the night when we will induct new members & install our 2026-27 Officers. It's also the night when we present the Lion Ray Rosnick “Lion of the Year” award and the Melvin Jones Fellowship – both will go to well deserving Lions! There will be other awards & achievements presented to our Lions too! It's also become a tradition to take our annual group photo with all of our new members included.

Lions' June Birthdays

- Lions Sue Miller & Deb Zezeski – June 7
- Lions John Anthony & Steve Harriman – June 8
- Lion Rose Davis-June 9 Lion Dwayne Houghtaling-June 11
- Lion Monica Latz & PDG Fred Lamason - June 18
- Lion June Fry-June 16 Lion Kathy Christine-June 19
- Lion Mike Caravello-June 23 Lion Bill Dixon - June 25

Message from Club President Coco Houghtaling

As it gets warmer, our Lions are busy. Our workday at Pink Hands of Hope found us outside planting new flowers, spreading mulch and pulling weeds. It really looks great. Our participation in the Art and Wine walk downtown Mechanicsburg was greatly appreciated. Jubilee Day will soon be upon us calling bingo for those who are enjoying the day. Soon after that, we will be sponsoring the golf tournament. Even though the summer is just beginning, we are also looking forward to projects to begin the new school year. We will be collecting school supplies and clothing for Community Aid this summer. This spring has given us the opportunity to network with other Lions clubs. We were honored to have visitors from the Hanover Lions Club attend one of our meetings. Afterwards, an invitation was extended to our club to visit their club. The 14C convention and the Pennsylvania State convention provided opportunities to meet and work with other Lions across the state. It is hard to believe that it has been a year since my presidency began. Thank you to all who have supported me throughout the year. I know that you will support Patti Clark as she begins her position as president. The Lions Club of Mechanicsburg is the greatest club.

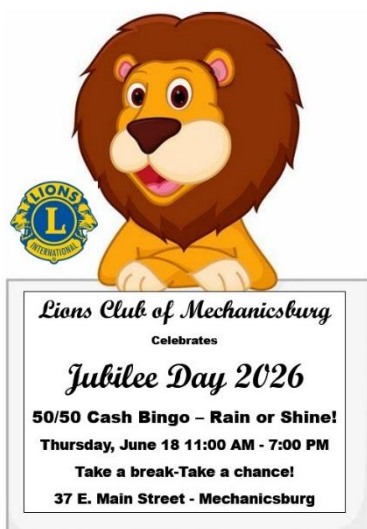
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PA Lions State Convention 2026



Club President Lion Coco Houghtaling & 1st VP Patti Clark attended the PA Lions State Convention held recently in Indiana, PA. They are pictured here with some other Lady Lions from other parts of the state including our next District Governor Patti Wurzbacher (5th from the left). They attended many diverse workshops, mostly themed regarding Club Membership. Thanks to both of them for representing our club at the State Convention!

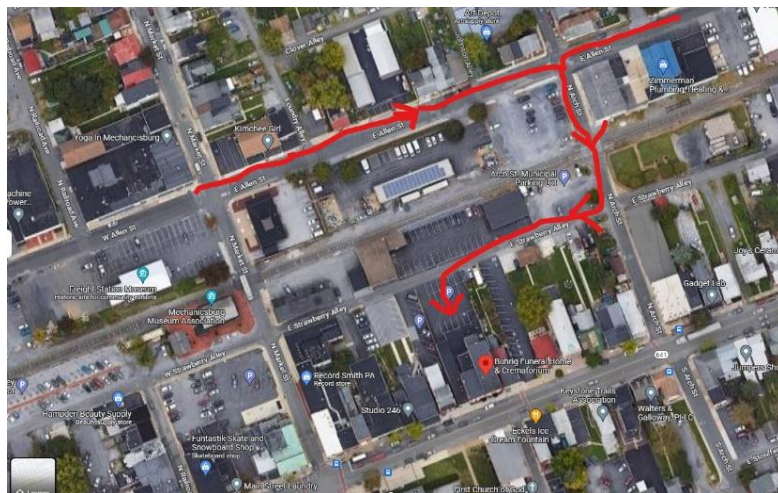
Jubilee Day 2026



The Mechanicsburg Lions will participate in Jubilee Day again this year on June 18th. Please put this on your calendar – we need all of the help we can get running our 50/50 Bingo “In the Breezeway” at the Buhrig Funeral Home at 37 E. Main Street from noon until 7:00 PM. Lion Steve Harrman & his committee will be providing Sign-Up Sheets and more information at our June 2nd meeting about this wonderful day in Mechanicsburg.

Free parking has

been reserved for our Lions. Please enter from Allen Street, Arch Street, then turn right at East Strawberry Alley. Just tell the traffic control that you are a Lion.



Non-Profit Day 2026



On May 14th, Lions Linda & Mike Fenicle attended the first non-profit day in Mechanicsburg. They arrived early only to find Mechanicsburg's Mayor and fellow Lion John Anthony and his wife Karen setting up tables and chairs, so they decided to help them finish. There were over 20 non-profit organizations represented, including Meals on Wheels, New Hope Ministries, Pink Hands of Hope, Mission Central and the Wildcat Foundation just to name a few. We already assist these groups with their service projects & make donations to them on a regular basis. Lions Linda & Mike felt that foot traffic was light but they enjoyed seeing and speaking to everyone. They got some speaker ideas and possibly some other non-profits that we can work with. They will be in contact with Lions Karen and Vicki. After it was over, they assisted putting tables and chairs

away with the Mayor, and the police department. Lions Linda & Mike think that we should continue participating in this project in future years.



The Mechanicsburg Lions Club recently completed its annual spring service project with Pink Hands of Hope, once again helping prepare the property for the busy season ahead. Deb and the team at Pink Hands of Hope depend on the Lions Club each spring and fall for assistance with landscaping and cleanup projects. Volunteers spent the day tackling a variety of outdoor tasks including extensive weeding in the front and side stone beds, trimming perennials, mulching, spraying weeds, watering and general landscaping cleanup. Inside, another crew worked on creating new price tags, organizing raffle tickets, and filling small seed packets. Additional projects completed included hauling a large number of donation bags to Community Aid, clearing and sweeping the lower steps, repairing the back tarp that protects the rear entrance, and fixing the open sign at the front entrance. The Mechanicsburg Lions Club is proud to continue supporting Pink Hands of Hope and their important work in the community through hands-on service and teamwork. *Lion Karen McKendry*





Red Cross/Lions Club Blood Drive

Zone Chair Lion Karl Heimbach organized another Blood Drive on May 21st at Trindle Springs Lutheran Church. We had 15 Lions volunteer their time & we collect 23 units of blood. Thanks to everyone who donated blood & assisted during the event!



"We Serve" Golf Tournament 2026



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>



June Membership Anniversaries

Jim Miller	19 Years	Wayne DeFonzo	11 Years	Bob Buhrig	9 Years
Bob Dippel	9 Years	Becky Heimbach	8 Years	Karl Heimbach	8 Years
John Anthony	4 Years	Rose Davis	4 Years	Coco Houghtaling	4 Years
Marie Zeigler	4 Years	Deanna Williams	4 Years	Dwane Houghtaling	4 Years
Lisa Chase	3 Years	Paula Hunt Zizzi	4 Years	Linda Luciani	3 Years
Fred Luciani	3 Years	Gretchen Snyder	3 Years	Judy & Bob Hilinski	2 Years



The Mechanicsburg Lions demonstrated their dedication to service on May 5th by volunteering their time at Mission Central. Members actively participated in various tasks, including preparing flood relief buckets, organizing clothing donations, and assembling 628 care packages. This was a highly productive and fulfilling day, characterized by strong teamwork and a collective commitment to community service. We deeply value our partnership with Mission Central, which enables us to collaboratively make a significant positive impact within our community.

Mechanicsburg Wine Walk

The spirit of service was on full display as eight dedicated members of the Mechanicsburg Lions Club volunteered at this year's annual Art & Wine Walk, hosted by the Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership. Focused on supporting local economic development, the event brought the community together for an evening of art, entertainment, and small business engagement—and the Lions were there to help it all run smoothly. Stationed at the registration area, the Lions greeted participants with warm smiles and their trademark enthusiasm, setting a welcoming tone for the evening. Guests were met with a festive atmosphere, highlighted by a stunning arch of balloons that created the perfect backdrop for photos. One of the volunteers captured these special moments as attendees arrived, adding a personal touch to the experience.



Beyond registration, Lions members also assisted by distributing brochures and event bags, ensuring participants were well-prepared to explore the many local businesses featured along the walk. Their efforts helped create a seamless and enjoyable experience for all who attended. Following the event, the club received a heartfelt note of appreciation from the event's co-chair, who thanked the Lions for their participation and for bringing smiling faces to a very busy and successful day. The Mechanicsburg Lions Club continues to demonstrate its commitment to community service, and their support of the Art & Wine Walk is yet another example of their positive impact in the downtown area.



Lion Karen McKendry