



Mechanicsburg Lions “Roar” May, 2026

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

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Open House/Membership Night 2026

Club President Lion Coco Houghtaling introduces our officers at the head table at our annual Open House on April 21st. This year's Open House had 56 Lions attending & 11 guests. We have received 4 commitments to join & anticipate a few more. Thanks to all who brought guests, helped with the information tables, slide narration & everything else! Check out more photos taken by Lion Linda Fenicle on following pages.

May 5th Dinner Meeting

Our Guest speaker for this meeting will be Past District Governor Tom Jones with a special presentation about the PA Lions Beacon Lodge Camp. Come & hear his interesting presentation.

Jubilee Day

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 Harman & his committee will be providing Sign-Up Sheets and more information at both of our May meetings about this wonderful day in Mechanicsburg!

Lions May Birthdays

Lion Ruth Allen: May 4

Lion Bob Dippel: May 12

Lion Cindy Cramer: May 19

Lion Deanna Williams: May 21

Lions Ginny Stack & Bob Buhrig: May 22

Lion Lois Young: May 23

Lion Jock Alfieri: May 29

Calendar of Events

- May 2 Art & Wine Walk
- May 5 Mission Central 9:15-11:45
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- May 5 **Regular Meeting:** Guest Speaker PDG Tom Jones: Beacon Lodge
- May 9 Ribbon Cutting – Mechanicsburg Square
- May 11 Pink Hands of Hope Spring Project
- May 14 Non-Profit Day in Mechanicsburg 3:00-6:00 45 West Allen St
- 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 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 Street
- June 23 **Final Meeting of 2025-26 Lions Year** 5:45 Social – 6:30 Dinner
Installation of Officers & New Member Induction Night
- 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. 11 Business Meeting: Guest Speakers: Lions Shelly Bitting and Joel Wierman -“Your PA Move Manager”
- Aug. 14 180 Game Night
- 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
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- Sept. 28 Pink Hands Of Hope Service Project

Annual Dues Payment

Please note that the invoice for your annual dues (\$83 Single, \$58 for Spouse) for the 2026-27 Lions year is on page 6 of this newsletter. We need you to continue as a member to do the good work of Lions at home and abroad. The dues have not increased for next year and must be paid by May 31st. If you are having financial difficulties at home, please contact one of our officers. Dues can be paid by check or cash this year at one of our May meetings or mailed to Lion Ted Cramer at the address listed on the statement. ***This Dues statement is only for current Lions who are renewing their membership.***

May 19th 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!

Message from Club President Coco Houghtaling

As spring arrives, we welcome warmer weather and more daylight. Welcoming warmer days, several of our members went to Beacon Lodge for a workday. Along with Lions from other clubs, our Lions helped to get the camp ready for their summer sessions. Though it was hard work, as Mechanicsburg Lions we are always ready to help. Our vision team has been busy screening the students who will begin Kindergarten in the fall. The screenings at the Kindergarten Academy were done over 3 days. We will have more screenings in early fall. Members who would like to join our screening team, please contact Jim Miller. Open House was a great success. We were very excited to welcome 11 guests. Hopefully they will consider joining our club. New members help to spread the word of our mission throughout the community. In April, we elected our new officers and directors, who will be installed in June. Congratulations to our newly elected executive board.

Lion Coco

Final Meeting – 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 induct our 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. We have already accepted the applications of many members since last July & expect to welcome a few more new Lions to our club. Hopefully, everyone will be able to attend!

Upcoming Service Project with Pink Hands of Hope



The Mechanicsburg Lions Club will once again be lending a helping hand to *Pink Hands of Hope* during an upcoming service project on Monday, May 11 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Club members will assist with a variety of tasks both inside and outside the facility. In past projects, volunteers have helped with weeding and planting in front of the store, painting interior walls, and tackling light repairs and cleaning projects. This is a great opportunity to support an organization that provides critical resources to women battling breast cancer—while making a visible difference in our community.

Our team of 1 Dozen Lions will provide outstanding service again this spring!

Welcome to our Newest Members!

Welcome Lions Joel Wierman & Shelly Bitting! Our newest members submitted their membership applications and were unanimously accepted as new Mechanicsburg Lions at our last meeting. Thanks to Lion Stacy Kyle for sponsoring our new Lions. We look forward to serving together!



Beacon Lodge Work Day

On April 11th, six dedicated Lions from the Mechanicsburg Lions Club headed into the mountains for a rewarding day of service at Beacon Lodge, helping get the grounds ready for an exciting summer camp season. Beacon Lodge hosts meaningful summer programs for both children and veterans, and our Lions were proud to play a part in preparing the

space for these special experiences. The team took on ground cleanup duties, raking and clearing leaves and twigs around the children's lodges and several adult cabins. Not ones to stop at the minimum, these hardworking Lions went above and beyond—freshening up additional upper-level buildings and even tackling the bowling and shuffleboard areas. By the end of the day, they had filled an impressive 50



Lion Karen McKendry

construction-sized bags with debris, helping transform the camp into a welcoming environment for its upcoming guests. Their efforts were matched with warm hospitality, as volunteers enjoyed a hearty and delicious lunch together. After a full day of teamwork, fresh mountain air, and giving back, it's safe to say these six Lions returned home tired—but deeply satisfied—and slept very well that night in their own dens!



MEETING THE NEEDS OF ALL
STUDENTS IN OUR DISTRICT

Members of the Lions Club of Mechanicsburg recently volunteered at the Operation Wildcat Spring Yard Sale, with some assisting during setup and others helping on the day of the event. All proceeds from the sale support the many initiatives Operation Wildcat oversees in its mission to assist students and families in need. The yard sale serves as Operation Wildcat's sole fundraiser, making the volunteers' contributions especially meaningful.



President Coco Houghtaling and Lion Dwane Houghtaling attended the National Library Week reception, which was hosted by the Simpson Library. Lizzy Seidel presided over the event. The reception served as an expression of gratitude to the organizations that provide support to the library. Pictured are Lizzy Seidel and President Coco.



ONE80 ministries

There's room at the table.



On April 17, 2026, members of the Mechanicsburg Lions Club came together to support the 180 Give Away Night, continuing their commitment to serving the local community. A total of 16 Lions contributed their time and effort, either preparing food or serving meals to those attending

the biweekly food bank event. Guests were treated to a hearty and comforting menu that included sloppy joes, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, and dessert. The meal was well received and enjoyed by all who attended, providing not only nourishment but also a welcoming sense of community.

The Mechanicsburg Lions remain dedicated to making a



positive impact, and their participation in events like this reflects their ongoing mission to serve others with compassion and generosity.

"We Serve" Golf Tournament 2026

Mechanicsburg Lions Club
6th Annual "We Serve" Golf Tournament



July 10, 2026 @
Mayapple





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>





Lions John Burkhardt and Don Graewe assisted in planting 300 trees in the Littlestown, PA area earlier this month, in collaboration with the Alliance for The Chesapeake Bay. Several members from other Lions Clubs were also present at the event. This is a commendable initiative. Thanks Lions Don and John!



Lions Pill Bottle Recycling

Our Club is once again recycling pill bottles to be sent to those in need throughout the world! Please bring your *empty* pill bottles to any of our meetings & give them to Club President Coco. Thanks to one of our members who has volunteered to pay for the shipping & to our Lions who work so hard to remove the labels!



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Join the Downtown Mechanicsburg Partnership and the RENAISSANCE Mechanicsburg Revitalization Project at the history-making ribbon cutting ceremony 200 years in the making.
1 West Main Street Saturday, May 9th, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.
Singer Band concert begins at 10:30 a.m.



Mechanicsburg Mayor John Anthony's Community Summit

Lions Karen McKendry, Patti Clark & Club President Coco Houghtaling, along with other community members, participated in a round table discussion addressing both positive aspects and concerns within Mechanicsburg. Mayor John Anthony (also a Lion) documented the discussion and will provide a follow-up email. A key topic of discussion was diversity. We discussed Community Day, specifically exploring the possibility of incorporating a dedicated section for ethnic groups to showcase crafts, food, and other cultural elements, thereby promoting greater community acceptance of diversity. The representative from Sertoma would be interested in partnering with us on that. As far as participants, along with several church volunteers, representatives for other non-profits organizations were in attendance (i.e.: Simpson Library, Mechanicsburg School district, the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce, and the Borough of Mechanicsburg council).

More Open House Photos...





Lions Club of Mechanicsburg STATEMENT

Attention Mechanicsburg Lion:

May 1, 2026

This is your statement for the next Lions year. This amount includes all local, district, state and Lions International dues - We only send dues statements once per year.

These dues are for the 2026-27 Lions year that ends on June 30, 2027. We will be billed from the District, State & International based on our official membership on July 1st.

New membership cards will be issued to all who have paid their dues. As you know, we support the causes of Lions at the Local, State and International levels through our dues.

Total Due for Regular Member.....\$83.00

Total Due for additional "Family Member".....\$58.00

Since we are now incorporated, all checks should be made out as follows:

"Lions Club of Mechanicsburg PA"

The due date is Monday May 31, 2026

You can pay your dues at either of our meetings on May 5th & May 19th or mail them directly to me. I will record your payment then give the checks to Lion Bob Dippel, our Treasurer.

Please send to: Lion Ted Cramer, Secretary
 37 Presidents Drive
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

Lion Ted