

THE EAST COCALICO LIONS CLUB

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Summary of the BoD meeting 3 Jan. 2022

5-Year Planning Committee –

In Person/Zoom Meeting on Tuesday January 11th at 7:00 PM

Care of Members –

Lion Sidni Schlegel has fallen a few times, current status unknown.

Lion Vernon Boose sleeps a lot but otherwise is doing good.

Lion Glenn Eidemiller is doing good. Plans to attend future meetings.

Program –

January 24: Toll Road Recipients

February 28: Lion Phil Deibler and Hobbies

District Governor Dick Sware will be at the January 10th meeting for an award presentation.

Banquets –

Because of increase of COVID, Charter Night Banquet has been canceled.

We will still have a Regular Club meeting with a meal that night. Will check with the fire company if a special dessert can be made for Valentine's Day.

Annual Church Visit –

Contacted the Pastor of the East Cocalico Church of the Brethren and told him of the club's plans to worship with them on February 13, 2022. Was told that the date was good with them. Need to start getting a count of who can attend.

Club Sport Activities –

District 14-D Bowling Tournament is on March 6, 2022. Lion Leo has volunteered to be Chairperson.

Redner's –

Receipts keep coming in

Gift Card Club –

Only 10 members bought "Gift" Cards, totaling \$325.00 profit for the Club since we sent letters to all the members requesting them to buy/sell gift cards.

French Fry Stand –

Total "Keep the Change" amount collected this past year was \$287.04. This amount will be sent to LCIF.

Need to contact the Cheerleader Boosters to set up a date for presentation of the percentage of gross from Football games. This will be an estimated \$1,000.

Fish & Shrimp Fry –

Spring "Drive Through" F&S Fry Dates are

Friday March 4

Friday March 18

Friday April 8

Toll Road

Checks presentation to Toll Road Recipients will be at the Club Meeting on January 24

Armchair Horse Races –

Scheduled for Saturday April 23rd



Golf Tournament –

Down Payment of \$3,000 was made

Food Bank –

Food Drive for Weavers/Redners will be on May 20 & 21

Martins will be scheduled on different days

Christmas Baskets –

17 Baskets and 7 Gift cards were delivered.
Going to make a few changes to the Sign-up sheet next year.

Senior Citizen Banquet

Need to check with Lion Forest with if he plans to have a Senior Citizen Banquet.
A suggestion was made, because of COVID, if a “Drive Through” pickup could be arranged.

Reamstown Days –

Having it

LEO Advisory –

Planning a “Mini Thon” at the end of January. Lion Dennis will check with the Leos about what kind of help is needed from the club.

Christmas “Gift” Bags –

400 Gift Bags were put together and delivered to the Reamstown Elementary School.
A motion was made and passed that the club make this an annual project if a Chairperson can be found.

Holiday Exchange Program

Another successful year.
The Board of Directors thanked Lion Carl for all the hard work he puts into this project.

Easter Egg Hunt –

Lion Phil updated the Board on the Annual Egg Hunt
• With Lion Ray away in Florida he will need a committee formed to help him with the Egg Hunt.
• Because of Weavers not being able to supply toys, there will be no toys handed out this year.

- A motion was made and passed for Lion Phil to purchase candy to be put into the Plastic eggs we have.
- Discussed several ideas on how to stuff the eggs.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made and passed to donate \$1,500 to the State/District 14-D “Kentucky disaster relief supplies” fund. A check presentation/Photo Op will be done on January 10 when the District Governor visits
The Akron Lions asked if they could “Borrow” our Lions Suit for a skit they are doing at one of their Club meetings when they present their donations to organizations. The request was granted.

Girl Scout Haylee Martin, granddaughter Lion Peter Glover, has finished her Silver Award project, which the club help fund, and will share it with the club at the January 10th meeting.

Meal Meeting on January 10th

- 24 Meals have been ordered
- 21 Lion Meals
- 3 Guest Meals
- 3 Lions will be attending only the Meeting, no meal needed

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- January 10: Meal Meeting
- January 24: Dessert Meeting
- March 6: District Bowling Tournament
- March 12: Melvin Jones/Pa Fellow Breakfast
- March 25: President’s Honor Night
- March 26: District Convention





“The times they are a-changin’”?

The past two years have stressed and disrupted nearly everybody’s lives, and have frustrated continuing traditions of ECL events that reach back for decades. Both the local and broader community have come to take for granted stuff like the Oyster Suppers (also known as Spring & Fall Dinners), Armchair Horse Races, Senior Citizens’ Banquet (luncheon), Easter Egg Hunt, Community Christmas Party (for kids), etc. — events to build the spirit of community, and not all of them fund-raisers. Perhaps most have had to be canceled outright — The Ephrata Fair of 2020 — and alternative ways to reach the community and meet our commitments to the other organizations ECL supports have taken much of our time and imagination. You may have experienced our drive-through Fish Fry; it was successful and will be resumed when the weather gets tolerable again. We’re working on restoring some projects/events, adapting some to the circumstances, or coming up with new “stuff”.

As an alternative to the Easter Egg Hunt, last year ECL distributed “baskets” to the Reamstown Elementary School, and again for this past Christmas. The students personalized their bags prior to them being filled.



The “elves” helping stuff the **400** bags are from the Girls Cadette Troop 70514.

(below right):

Chairperson Lion Sandy Lucas with the bags delivered to the school.





We Serve



With consideration for members' safety and practicality ECL's annual Christmas Dinner was held at Weaver's this past December.

Karl Hausman provided seasonal music while members & guests enjoyed the fellowship & homestyle meal.



The surprise visit of Wren Conahan, daughter of Lions Katie & Adam, was delightful. She didn't stay for dinner (a previous engagement?), and she's a bit young to recruit for membership.

You didn't get the memo either?



Haylee Martin, Cadette Girl Scout in Troop 70514 and Granddaughter of Lion Peter Glover, spoke recently at a Club meeting. The club supported Haylee with a monetary donation to help her earn her Girl Scout Silver Award and she shared her project with the club. To earn this award, she had to spend 50 hours on a project that will benefit the community. She decided to make cat adoption kits for the Animal Rescue League. Each kit contained a Towel or small blanket, Scratching pad, Small ball, Small stuffed animal, Handmade braided rope toy and a handmade catnip filled sachets. Pictured here is Haylee talking and sharing the contents of the adoption kits with the club.



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For the **10th** consecutive year ECL participated in EASS' Holiday Exchange program, “adopting” two families for the benefit of six children in the Cocalico School District. Despite (or perhaps because of) these difficult times our membership was again very generous in responding to the requests of these families.



In addition to the gifts purchased for the children were numerous gift certificates for local markets, restaurants, department stores, and a bit of cash. (Sealed envelopes were not opened.) Everything was delivered to the respective families on Dec.21.

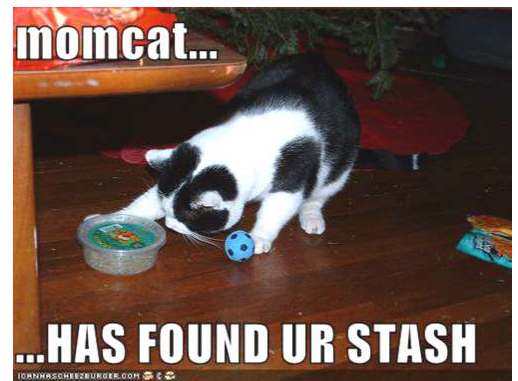


At a recent Club Meeting, District 14-D District Governor Dick Sware presented Immediate Past President Lion Dennis Ensinger and the East Cocalico Lions Club the Club Excellence Award for the Lionistic year 2020-2021.

East Cocalico Lions Club sent a check in the Amount of \$1,500.00 Lions State Office to be used towards the purchase of supplies and materials to be included in this trailer. Pictured here is East Cocalico Lions Club President, Lion Brent Porter on the behalf of the East Cocalico Lions Club, presenting District Governor Dick a copy of his check, representing the club’s “Service from our Hearts,.”



**For those (few) of you that actually read the newsletter I've got a challenge:
 Y'all got digital phones or cameras, right?
 How about taking pictures of Lions doin' stuff?
 Nothing embarrassing or incriminating, ya understand.
 In the decade that I've been doing the newsletter
 I can count the photo contributors (including me)
 on the fingers of one hand. How about we change that?
 Maybe award "Best Photo" at some point?**



Each Lionistic year, coinciding with our Charter Date of February 9th, the East Cocalico Lions Club attends a worship service of a church in the local area. This years' service will be at the East Cocalico Church of the Brethren on Bunker Hill Road on February 13th, 2022. The Worship Service starts at 10:30 AM. We will meet in the lobby of the church and go into the worship area as a group around 10:15. All Lions, spouses and guests are welcomed to attend. An Email will be sent to those who have not signed up yet with these details asking you to reply back if you will be attending and how many or if you will Not be attending this service.

