



THE EAST COCALICO LIONS CLUB

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Newsletter
Nov. 2025

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MD-14, District 14-D
Region 3, Zone A



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Excerpts from the BoD meeting held Oct. 6, 2025:

SECRETARY REPORT

-Lion Tabitha read letters from Faith United Lutheran Church and Terre Hill Days

Membership/Orientation/Retention

-A major push will be made to get at least 10 new members this lion year.

5 Year Planning Committee

-Will help finding new members. Working on Educators appreciation night.

Constitution and Bylaws

-Lion Bruce made a motion to give the \$4,420 to the DG at his visit in on the 27th. Lion Leo seconded and the board approved.

Program

-Lion Carol presented a program called "Quilts of Valor". Quilts are given/awarded to all veterans.
-Possible program with the ladies who make/create the Quilts. See Carol Maynard with any questions.

Ephrata Fair

- The fair was a success!
-Some of the numbers from the fair were- 785 man hours, money brought in from the fair-\$19,648.36.
Food costs were up \$32 dollars, expenses were \$8,123.00.
The credit/debit card sales came in at \$4000.00.
-Lion Jan mentioned maybe having shorter shifts, some of the shifts get long.

Food Bank

-EASS changed its name to "Community Hive"

Holiday Exchange Program

- Lion Carl working on getting the forms from EASS. 3-4 families, 6 kids. More coming in the November newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

- Lion John Danielson will be at meetings to sell gift cards.
-Lion Leo made a motion that the club go down to 1 meeting a month plus the board meeting. Lion Carl seconded the motion and the board did approve. Lion Bruce mentioned we can revisit in the future with how things are going with only one meeting a month. (Can be changed). This starts in November.
-Lion Leo made a motion to cancel the Dec.15th meeting Lion Bruce seconded, the board approved. The only meeting will be for the Christmas Party at Rural City on Dec 8th.

October 31: Community Halloween Night

November 17: Regular Club Meeting at Fire Hall.

November 28: Toll Road

December 8: Annual Club Christmas Party at Rural City

December 20: Christmas Fruit Baskets



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Lion Sidni Schlegel, celebrating his 94th Birthday at the Dinner Meeting held at Park Place Diner. Sidni has been a Lion for 65 years.



On October 15, 2025, Lions Leo Maynard, Mark Janke, Jamie Carpenter, and Bruce Caroenter had the opportunity to attend "Dinner in the Dark", sponsored by the Paradise Township Lions Club to benefit Vision Corps. During dinner, they wore blindfolds or vision impairment simulator glasses to experience a meal while being blind. After the meal they discussed among themselves how they felt eating without being able to see.



I made some remarks after the Food Drives this past spring based on my misunderstanding of local Lion history. (We suck at communication; when I asked my sponsor back in '09 when I'd learn the "secret handshake" he just said "Pay attention. You'll pick it up.".)

PDG Craig Ebersole schooled me:

the food bank (in stores) program was initiated by PDG Barry Crowther 1997 / 1998. (Ephrata club).. He appointed Lion Jo Ellen Litz as the Lebanon county coordinator and i was the Lancaster county coordinator. Stores all over the 2 counties quickly signed on and Lions clubs saw the positive impact for their communities. Our club only canvassed Weaver Market and we were challenged by one of the Manheim Twp clubs and Oregon Dairy for the top spot in the District. For Lion Bob Weaver, the program became a passion and the people of northern Lancaster county were the beneficiary of his efforts. Those efforts resulted in several tons of food and personal items being distributed by EASS.



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Lion Dave



Joyce



Lions Chris & Rich



Lions Dale, Kevin, & Ryan



Lion Don



another Lion Don



Akron Lions Club Food Drive



2 days:
Oct. 17 & 18

Your generous donations, large & small:

103 boxes -- 3605 pounds!

for



Food Bank
WOW!

significant cash donations

Neighbors feeding neighbors
Your contributions really do matter.



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Lion Cyndi



Lion
Doyne



Lion Ray



Lions Jamie
& Leo



Lions Barb &
Suzanne



Lions Jamie & Bruce



LEOs Tesla
& Rylan



again, Lion Doyne



area Lions Clubs Food Drive
October 17 & 18



Your generous donations, large & small:
83 boxes -- 2905 pounds!
for  **Food Bank**
WOW!
and significant local donations
Neighbors feeding neighbors
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Lion Jan



Lion Jan



Lion Doyne



Lion "Rocky"



Lion Tammy



IPP Lion "Fry Guy"



Lion Kevin




area Lions Clubs Food Drive
October 17 & 18


Your generous donations, large & small:
111 boxes -- 3885 pounds!
for  Food Bank
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INTERCOURSE LIONS CLUB



GIFT CARD BINGO

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Gap Fire Hall @ 802 Pequea Avenue, Gap

Doors Open @ 5:30 PM

Early Bird Bingo @ 6:45 PM

Bingo @ 7:00 PM

Food Raffles Fun

Tickets

\$25 in advance, \$30 at the door

Advance tickets can be purchased from

Lion Dale High, call 717-371-4004



Sunday, November 9

11 am to 3 pm



Community VETERAN EXPO

Ephrata
American Legion
Post #29
300 Cocalico Pike

★ FREE ENTRY:

Please consider bringing a donation for Christmas Stockings for Soldiers (stateside & deployed) or a monetary donation

★ Featuring:

Veteran artisans & businesses showcasing & selling their creations
Organizations that support our veterans
Food trucks on-site
Raffles & 50/50 — to fund Lions Veteran programs
Goodie bags for the first 100 families!

★ Calling Vendors:

\$50 refundable registration fee per vendor
Tables provided

Meal provided by The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus of Lancaster-Santa Marie Assembly #15

★ Contact the Ephrata Lions to reserve your spot:

vetexpo@ephratalions.org or call Lion Kendra Rhinier @ 717-587-6563

NEW THIS YEAR - FOOD TRUCKS!



Hosted by the
Ephrata Lions Club



Beacon Fall Fest
NOVEMBER 15, 2025 10 AM - 3 PM
114 STATE ROUTE 103 SOUTH
MOUNT UNION, PA 17066
Crafts, Food, Music, Prizes, Games -
bring family & friends for fall fun!

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

ROCK the RIBBON
with the PA BREAST CANCER COALITION

Are you Rockin' the Ribbon?

REAMSTOWN
MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION
1945

PARK CLEAN-UP FALL 2025

BRING GLOVES OR RAKES IF YOU HAVE THEM!
Refreshments will be provided for all volunteers!

NOVEMBER 22, 2025 FROM 9AM-12PM



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Excerpts from the BoD meeting held **Nov. 3, 2025:**

Membership/Orientation/Retention–

-Big Push for 10 new members. The leaders of the club need to work to help get new members. Ask your friends to help with service projects.

–Bruce made a motion for approval of a new member. (Dave Harnish) John Weiss 2nd and the motion carried.

Program–

-November 17th is the Veterans dinner.

-Quilts of Valor program possible at the veterans dinner.

-Tim made a motion that the club pay for 8 of the people for make the quilts for the Veterans. Carl seconded and the motion carried.

-Bruce made a motion that the club pay for the veterans at the dinner and Tim Seconded and that motion passed.

-Jamie made a motion to invite the spouses of the veterans and pay for their dinner, Lion Doyne seconded. The motion did carry. (Possible use of this motion at a later date)

Christmas Baskets–

-No Christmas Baskets this holiday season. (2025)

-Tim made a motion to discontinue the Christmas baskets and start something similar for next year. Doyne seconded and the board approved.

-Possible new Committee lead by Doyne. Her possible members are, Tim, Ray and Bruce.

-Decisions to be made by May 2026.

Community Halloween Night–

-Went really well, we had 7 Leo's in attendance

- 107 paraders, 23 winners, 13 Lion families. \$328 in prizes and \$151 dollars in donuts/Coco.

Holiday Exchange Program

-Carl working with EASS, possible 2 families with 5-6 kids. Having trouble finding families that need help.(Applicants in the Cocalico School Dist.) Hoping to have things up and going by Nov. 7th.

Liason to Reamstown Park

-Nov 22nd clean up day at the park @9am

OLD BUSINESS

-Per Lion Carl, maybe get access to the history of the club and their activities. (to provide information on Club projects, especially for new members)

NEW BUSINESS

-*Toll Road coming up*

-Dec 8th is the Christmas party at Rural City. Check your email.

GOOD OF LIONISM

-Nov 9th is the District meeting and Zone meeting on Nov. 12th at 6:30 pm at Javateas.

-Superintendent Dr. Musser will be retiring at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

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November 28: Toll Road

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**My bad:
This is Lion Rosemary,
NOT Lion Tammy.**

At the R3 Rally on Oct. 23rd ECL member awards:

Leo: Dan Walters Award for his Service as Zone Chair

Chuck: Brick in his Name at Leader Dog for his Service as Zone Chair

Ray Wolf: Brick in His Name at Beacon Lodge for 45 Years of Service

Sidni Schlegel: Brick in His Name at Beacon Lodge for 65 Years of Service



Aidan McCurdy was the October 20253 Student of the Month. Some of his School Activities include Marching Band (Drumline Captain), Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, Theater Tech, and Tri-M Music Honor Society. Besides being Honored as the Club's Student of the Month, other award Aidan has received was being recognized as a Science, English, and Music Student of the Month. His Future Plans include attending either Millersville or Penn State for Meteorology.



During District Governor Steve's official visit to ECL on Oct. 27 a check was presented.





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ECL's annual Halloween Parade at the Reamstown Park Oct. 31



Nobody seems to know just how long this has been going on, but a number of parents of the participating children remember being here as kids.

Who ate the last donut?

Wudn't me.





Holiday Exchange Program 2025

For the **14th** year ECL is participating in EASS' program. This year we're supporting two families:

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Holiday Family One

(adults) **2?** **Suggestions:** Redner's/Weaver's/Walmart/2 Cousins gift certificate, etc.

#1 (boy) Age 15 **Suggestions:** black & white bracelets, gray hoodie (NOT fleecelined), ankle-length socks (white or black)

Pants size: ? **Shirt size:** adult large **Shoe size:** 8-10 adult **Coat size:** large

#2 (boy) Age 14 **Suggestions:** RC car, sweatshirt (orange), jeans (30-32), puzzles (word search or sport cars)

Pants size: 30*32 **Shirt size:** ? **Shoe size:** ? **Coat size:** ?

#3 (boy) Age 14 **Suggestions:** Roblox or Visa gift card, black hoodie (adult large), white or black t-shirt (adult large)

Pants size: ? **Shirt size:** adult large **Shoe size:** ? **Coat size:** adult large

#4 (girl) Age 10 **Suggestions:** plush stuffed collie dog, black hoodie, book "Millie" by McCall Hoyle

Pants size: ? **Shirt size:** 12 **Shoe size:** ? **Coat size:** 12

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Holiday Family Two

(adults) **2?** **Suggestions:** Redner's/Weaver's/Walmart/2 Cousins gift certificate, etc.

#5 (girl) Age 12 **Suggestions:** arts & crafts, gel nail things, any electronics, books on drawing, mystery books

Pants size: 16 **Shirt size:** teen large **Shoe size:** ? **Coat size:** ?

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Please make your choice(s) of family member(s) ASAP: via internet connect to <http://www.eastcocalicolions.org/SignUpForms.html> or contact Lion Carl via email (cslegel@dejazzd.com) or phone (717-335-0347) to coordinate and/or get additional information. The gifts will again be collected at our Christmas Celebration/Dinner, to be held at Rural City this December.