



THE EAST COCALICO LIONS CLUB



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Club Summer Picnic- A wonderful time had by all

Public Relations & Communication -National night out was a great evening for adults and kids alike.



GRANT SNIDER (AFTER RUDINE SIMS BISHOP)

Excerpts from the BoD meeting held August 25, 2025:

SECRETARY REPORT

Lion Tabitha read thank-you notes we received over the summer and condolence card/letter honoring Jack DeWald.

Membership/Orientation/Retention– Lion Bruce to make a big push to get 10-15 new members this Lionistic year. Memorial gifts to be decided for Lions Leroy and Jack.

5 Year Planning Committee– The last meeting went well, new things coming down the line.

Finance and Budget– Lion Carol discussed the budget for this Lionistic Year. A change in the budget to add a “Grant” line. Lion Bruce made a motion and seconded by Lion Leo and the board passed the motion.

Banquets– This year’s Christmas banquet will be at Rural City, with Entertainment. Dec 8th 2025 6-9pm

Ephrata Fair – Check your email for sign-ups. Things moving along smoothly.

French Fry Stand – August 2nd was the ST. Paul’s car show. Football games started. Fry stand in good shape.

Toll Road -The new signs are here. They need to be put together. Need sign-up especially for set-up and tear-down.

Reamstown Days- Set up Sept 5th @ 6pm. Selling fries Friday evening, Saturday lunch & supper.

Building Maint. Gas & Paper Supplies- Gas tanks are topped off.

OLD BUSINESS

- The East Cocalico Lions we’re approved for the \$20,000 grant. (We did get the grant and was presented already) Lion Bruce asking the PA Lions foundation for a 20,000 grant also.

-Lions Woody and Jan Long attended “Pass the banner” and attended the District Meeting. They learned a lot!

NEW BUSINESS

- An email was sent out that changes are coming with meetings. Keep your eyes open to the newsletter and emails from the club.

-The club will take more of an active role in Reamstown’s Christmas in the park.

-Terre Hill Christmas asked for a donation for their event this year at their park. Lion Doyne made a motion to donate \$250 dollars and Lion Barbara seconded and the motion passed the board.

-The Ephrata-Cocalico Community Thanksgiving dinner asked for a donation. Lion Bruce made a motion for \$200 and Lion Carol seconded and the board passed the motion.

-A memorial gift in Little Leroy Berger’s name for \$250 will be donated to Hickory Nursey Home.

-A memorial gift for \$250 will be given for Peter’s Porch, Faith United Lutheran Church in Jack DeWald’s name.

-A motion was made to change the bi-laws of the amount of money to \$250 for all memorial donations given hereafter. A motion was made by Lion Tim and seconded by Lion Barbara. The Board did pass the motion.



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Passing the Banner took place on July 26th. I received these photos with no names or explanations. (You know who you are?)



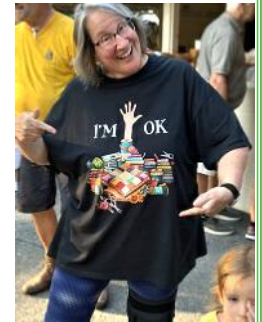
ECL's annual picnic was held August 11th at the Reamstown Park, the pig roast that PP Mark had campaigned for many times. Attendance was very good, food was excellent. Well done, Mark!



excellent turnout for the pig roast picnic



PP Mark, aka Fry Guy, also roast master



The picnic was also the opportunity to make some presentations:



ECL awarded a Melvin Jones fellowship to Sterling Smith of the Reamstown Park Assn. for his ongoing generous support of ECL.



Prez Woody presented a check from the NE PA Lions Fdn to the Reamstown Park Assn for renovations to the park's facilities.

Another grant request is in the works.



We Serve

On August 25th ECL participated in National Night Out, held at the Denver Park this year. We provided a bit of entertainment for the youngsters and info for those who showed interest.



New Holland's annual Fiddlers' Picnic held on Labor Day is seriously worth visiting. There's a lot of talent spread over a surprising range of age, and styles to suit most down-home tastes. (I was seriously tempted to join in on a Blue Grass version of "House of the Rising Sun!") Oh, yeah, there's also the lure of NH Lions chicken bbq and hot ham sandwiches and other vendors.





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East Cocalico Lions Club

Serving Our Community Since 1944



Serving their World Famous Oyster Sandwiches and Platters with the best Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers on the midway.

Please Note. This will be your only Chance to Enjoy Our Oysters this Year!

Located at the Corner of Main and Washington Street

Also, on the menu Shrimp, Fish Sandwiches/Platters, Hot Dogs, French Fries, Toasted Ham and Cheese Sandwiches along with many other delicious items.

Now Accepting All Major Credit Cards (Except American Express)

Drop by anytime to say Hi and enjoy the food.

All Proceeds from this fundraiser and all the Lions fundraisers are given back to the community.

Whenever a Lions club gets together, we make a difference. Problems get smaller and communities get better. That's because we help where help is needed – in our own communities and around the world – with unmatched integrity and energy. East Cocalico Lions is part of this largest service organization in the world with clubs in over 209 countries or geographic areas with over 1.35 million members. If you are interested in finding out more about the East Cocalico Lions or would like to join, please call 717 336-5311.

Watch for Dates for our Next Drive Thru Fish Fries This Fall and Next Spring



EPHRATA LIONS CLUB BINGO

Located behind the Railroad Station
Cash Bingo with Special Games
50 Cents a Card



Bingo Hours

Tue., Sept. 24th - 4:30 PM to 10 PM
Wed., Sept. 25th - 11 AM to 2 PM
Reopens at 4:30 PM to 10 PM
Thu., Sept. 26th - 4:30 PM to 10 PM
Fri., Sept. 27th - 4:30 PM to 10 PM
Sat., Sept. 28th - 12 PM to 10 PM

Follow Us on Facebook & Instagram
See You at the Ephrata Fair

Senior Citizens Bingo

Wed., Sept. 25th - 11 AM to 2 PM
Senior Citizen Stickers can be picked up at the Bingo tent.

Proceeds Support Community Projects

Ephrata Lions Club would like to thank everyone for their support each year at our Bingo tent.



BINGO AT THE PARK
2nd and 4th Thursdays
Starts at 6pm



Join us at The West Earl Lions Park for our BINGO nights.

Join in on the FUN - bring Friends, Family and even groups are invited.
(Every 2nd and 4th Thursday Bingo with us.)

Cash Prizes - Bonus Games - 50/50 raffles
Snacks Available - 10 games for \$3 per game

Scan the QR code to pre-register and save your spot.

Pre-registration games \$30 - 6 cards per game

Games available to purchase at the door for \$35

www.WestEarLions.org



NO BINGO ON THE 28TH OF AUGUST
WILL RESUME IN SEPT THE NORMAL SCHEDULE





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**THE NEW HOLLAND LIONS CLUB IS
HAVING A FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT CROSSNET
MINISTRIES IN NEW HOLLAND
AT YODER'S COUNTRY MARKET.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025
8 a.m. – 4. p.m.**

Come out and support us as we collect food for our community!

Anyone interested in seeing us in action to learn more about the New Holland Lions Club are encouraged to come see us and donate a food item or make a monetary donation in the lobby of Yoder's Country Market! All donations go directly to CrossNet's Food Bank!



Yoder's Country Market is located at 14 S. Tower Rd. in New Holland.

**CHRISTIANA LIONS CHICKEN BARBEQUE
FUND RAISER
BY RANDY YODER
WHEN: SEPT 27TH**

FROM 9:30 to 12 or TILL GONE

**WHERE: LIONS CLUB COMMUNITY BUILDING
325 N BRIDGE ST CHRISTIANA**

**COST: \$9 FOR A
THIGH AND LEG,
CHIPS, DRINK AND
A WHOOPIE PIE
OR
\$7 WITHOUT THE
WHOOPIE PIE**



**THE NEW HOLLAND and
BAREVILLE/LEOLA/LEACOCK LIONS CLUBS
WILL BE AT THE NEW HOLLAND FAIR!**

OCTOBER 1 – 4, 2025

We will be serving our Fair Favorite Hot Ham Sandwiches, hot dogs, hamburgers in our secret sauce and drinks at the New Holland Lions Club's stand on South Roberts Avenue and Main Street at the New Holland Fair.

*Come out and support us as we continue to raise funds for our communities **after 100 years, since 1925!!** We donate to Garden Spot Fire Rescue, the CrossNet Ministries Food Pantry, ELANCO Library, New Holland Ambulance Association, New Holland Boy Scouts, New Holland Summer Arts Association and more. Anyone interested in learning more about the clubs and membership is encouraged to come see our members at the Ham Stand!*



Visit the club on Facebook and see the New Holland Fair's website at <http://www.newhollandfair.org/> for more information.



**Manheim Township
Lions Club
Pork BBQ Dinner**



Date: Saturday September 27, 2025
10 AM - 2 PM or Sold Out

Dinner Includes: Pulled Pork BBQ, Bag of Chips,
Roll/butter, Applesauce & Cookie
Cost: \$13 for Dinner/Water Included

LOCATION: St. Peters Lutheran Church
Parking Lot. Corners of Lititz Pike and Delp Road

FOR TICKETS CALL
GEORGE GROFF: 717-524-0308
STEVE FOOT: 717-538-3128
CARL VOELKER: 610-301-1441





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TEXAS ROADHOUSE

Valid at: 31 Quarry Ridge Road Ephrata, PA 17522

DINE TO DONATE
Support
Ephrata Lions Club
Thursday, October 9th
3pm-10pm



EPHRATA LIONS CLUB
ephratalions.org

10% DONATION NIGHT

Support the Ephrata Lions Club by presenting this flyer to the Ephrata location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to the Ephrata Lions Club

Dinner in the Dark

Wednesday, October 15th
Reception & Silent Auction - 6 PM
Dinner - 7 PM

White Chimneys Estate
5117 Lincoln Highway
Gap, PA 17527

\$45/Ticket
Includes Dinner, Beer/Wine, & Silent Auction
Sponsorships Available:
For information, contact Bill Dodds
at willamedodds@comcast.net

RSVP
To purchase tickets, contact:
Bill Dodds at 717.435.0706
willamedodds@comcast.net

Hosted by Paradise Township Lions Club to benefit VisionCorps

During dinner, attendees will have the option to wear a blindfold or vision impairment simulator glasses. Discuss your experience over dessert and hear from VisionCorps on the work they are doing.



VisionCorps

Save the Date

October 16th

Region 1 Rally

Kinzer's Fire Hall
Doors open at 6pm Dinner at 6:30

Great Food and Fun, more info coming soon



Sunday, November 9
11 am to 3 pm

Community VETERAN EXPO

Ephrata American Legion Post #29 300 Cocalico Ave

- ★ **FREE ENTRY:**
Please consider bringing a donation for Christmas Stockings for Soldiers (for 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
Goody 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