

Northeast Lion



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November 2021



From YOUR District Governor

Happy Fall Ya'll

They say that one is never too old to learn something new. On October 16th I travelled to the Pa State Lions office in Harrisburg for the Fall Symposium. We learned several different facets about Lions including membership, diabetes and the hierarchy of Lionism. 1st VDG Allan Hetkowski and 2nd VDG Dave Rudis attended the symposium as well. After we were finished with our class work, everyone put on a birthday party hat and we sang Happy Birthday to our International President.

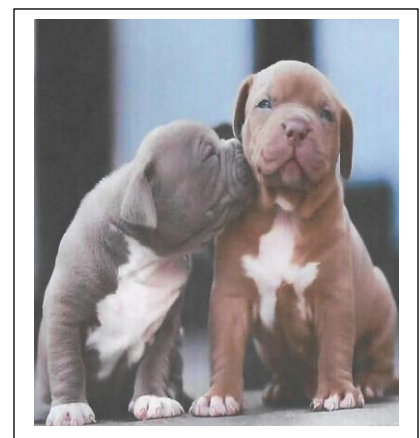
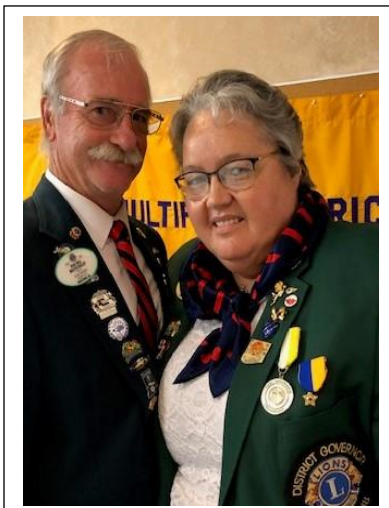
As I travel around our district visiting the clubs I have been talking about my Governor's Project; but what I have not spoken about too much is our new International President. I'd like to take the opportunity to tell you about our International President.

His name is Douglas X. Alexander who is from Bronx, NY. His motto is "Service from the heart" to strengthen our clubs and our communities, and to fulfill our mission of service to make the world a better place for all people. Some of the articles from International President Alexander, that I have received from Lions Clubs International are the following; "Celebrate Community" with Lions, Kiwanis, Optimist and Rotary. He sends a message of encouragement stating that the Lions Clubs are the heart of the communities and that so many people rely on our service. Another message that he sent was "Each One Bring One" stating that we all know friends and family who are looking to put their kindness in action, and if each one of us invited one of them to join us in service, imagine how much more we could accomplish. Then finally, a message entitled "We Can Be the Difference" speaking about preventing diabetes. He goes on to report that Diabetes affects nearly 10% of the world's adult population-and half of those currently living with their disease undiagnosed. And this is where the Lions can make a difference, providing awareness and education to our communities.

Take the time to go online www.lionsclubs.org and read International President Alexander's bio and watch his video recorded in New York City. He is definitely a man dedicated to Lions Clubs International and not only his community but our community too.

On October 29th and the 30th I will be in King of Prussia for the second State Council of Governors meeting. Then the following weekend, Sunday November 7th will be our second District Cabinet meeting. Please find the flyer further in the newsletter. I hope to see you there, for good food and sweet fellowship. Plus, come meet our new District Secretary Lion Sandra Thubborn from the Taylor Lions Club, our new 1st Vice District Governor Lion Allan Hetkowski from the Scranton Lions Club and our 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Dave Rudis also from the Scranton Lions Club.

In Service and In Friendship,
DG/PDG Cathy Metschulat
Jefferson Township Lions Club



You are cordially invited to the

2nd Cabinet Meeting of 2021-2022 DISTRICT 14-H

District Governor
1st VDG
2nd VDG

PDG Cathy Metschulat
Lion Allan Hetkowski
Lion Dave Rudis

Sunday, November 7, 2021 Registration 11:30 a.m. & Meeting at Noon
Ponderosa Hotel, 719 Pine Street, Mayfield, PA 18433



Cost is \$18 per person, buffet style luncheon

Chicken, Roast Beef, Potato, Vegetable and Dessert

Please contact the District Treasurer Lion Shirley Skinner to advise her of how many are in your party. Payment due at the door.

(570) 587-2073

Thank you!

From YOUR 1st Vice District Governor

First of all, I would like to thank District 14-H for the opportunity to serve as your First Vice District Governor for the remainder of the 2021-2022 Lions year. As a member and President of the Scranton Lions Club, I am very happy our Club is again active on the district level. The last person from the Scranton Club to serve as District Governor was Attorney John Dunn in 1988-1989.

Both Second Vice District Governor David Rudis and I have been busy since our appointments nearly 2 months ago as VDG's accompanying PDG/DG Cathy Metschulat on Club visits. It has been a great experience and opportunity getting to meet all of the Lion members throughout the district. I want to thank PDG/DG Cathy for all her assistance in serving as a mentor for us.

Being appointed *1st* VDG at this point in the year is a real challenge.

I am endeavoring to get up to speed as quickly as possible to be ready for the responsibilities as I prepare to become District Governor in July. I have had the opportunity to participate in a number of virtual meetings and calls on the state and with Lions International along with attending the PA Lions Fall Leadership Symposium in Harrisburg on October 16th. I am also registered for the Regional Lions Leadership Institute in March. And as I write my first message for the newsletter, we are preparing for the PA Lions Council Meeting #2 in Harrisburg this weekend (October 29th and 30th) which will be my first.

I want to thank all of the PDG's and other Lions for their offer of assistance in preparing for the 2022-2023 Lions year, an offer I will surely accept.

As stated earlier, it is a very short period of time to prepare to serve as the next District Governor and want to assure everyone that I am doing my utmost to prepare for the responsibility you have entrusted to me.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next District Cabinet Meeting on November 7th in Mayfield.

Yours in Service,

Lion Allan

Allan Hetkowski

First Vice District Governor



From YOUR 2nd Vice District Governor

I have been on a whirlwind learning experience since starting to serve as your 2nd Vice-District Governor on September 9th. We attended 8 Club visitations and 2 sight meetings. In addition, I recently attended the Leadership Conference in Harrisburg with the DG Cathy and 1VDG Allan in addition to attending two webinars as Global Leadership Team member - GLT for the district.

Since all leadership starts at the club level, we need to promote and breed new leadership and increase the pool of potential leaders to take on this challenge. We need to promote growth in the district by increasing the pool of potential leaders. We are in the last year that a DG can repeat and you can only serve three consecutive years as a Zone Chair, the stepping stone of leadership.



Keep your eyes open! We need new members who will step-up, become involved in Club Leadership, and become Club Presidents in due time! Thank you for allowing me to serve the district. Let's get excited about Lionism!

All the best,

Lion David P Rudis
2VDG, GLT

My goal, for the year, is to create a better world where chickens can cross the road without having their motives questioned.

Membership District 14-H

Abington	35	Benton	15	Blakely/Peckville	14
Dalton	8	Dunmore	21	Eynon/Archbald	94
Falls	46	Forest City	22	Hawley	15
				Lake Wallenpaupack	
Honesdale	69	Jefferson Twp.	35	Jermyn	13
Jessup	14	Lake Ariel	15	Mayfield	16
Minisink	25	Minooka	45	Montrose	36
Moosic	16	Old Forge	22	Olyphant	30
Ransom	11	Scott Twp.	32	Scranton	17
South Abington	10	Stone Bridge	23	Taylor	27
Tunkhannock	21	Waymart	20		

District 14-H 29 Lions Clubs 767 Lion Members (+5 from October)

Service Projects

Take a Shelter pet to the senior Center for a visit

Start a program to spay or neuter feral cats in your town

Take a collection for your local animal shelter

Make “care baskets” for the women or children at the Women’s Resource Center

Fill mugs with candy and snacks for the vets at the Gino Murli Center

Speak to your local school and Adopt-A-Family for Christmas

Volunteer to do the RED KETTLE for the Salvation Army

501 - C - 3 Foundation

If it would benefit your club to get donations while getting the donor a tax break, the 501-C-3 foundation is available, to any club in District 14-H.

Not available for gambling or any games of chance

Lions clubs are **501-C-4** – social welfare organization, but not tax exempt organization

Contact District Governor, PDG Joe Skinner, or any PDG

Local Newspaper Connections

We all want press
We all want new members
We all want people to know what we do
Here are the newspapers in 14-H,
emails cost nothing to send

Scranton Times	yesdesk@timeshamrock.com
Wayne Independent	mleet@wayneindependent.com
Times Leader	shando@timesleader.com
Times Leader Weekender	indynews@independentweekender.com
Valley Advantage	advantage@timeshamrock.com
Moscow Villager	kedwards@wayneindependent.com
Triboro Banner	triborobanner@timeshamrock.com
Carbondale News	kedwards@wayneindependent.com
Forest City News	fcnews@nep.net
Susquehanna County Independent	indynews@independentweekender.com
Susquehanna Transcript	susqtran@epix.net (Britany Walker)
Dunmorean	dpi22news@gmail.com
Citizens Voice	lifestyles@citizensvoice.com
	towncrier@citizensvoice.com
Wyoming County Examiner	news@wcexaminer.com
News Eagle	kcollins@neagle.com
Abington Suburban	suburbanweekly@timeshamrock.com
Abington Journal	dmartin@timesleader.com
Regional Independent Gazette	info@buffaloheadmedia.com

Send your photos and stories to:

Pennsylvania Lions Pride

Betty Lou Ivel

Harrisville, Pa. 16038

Nectarine1@zoominternet.net

Scranton Times Community Snapshot

Submit Photos as JPG or PDF files

yesdesk@timeshamrock.com

What's Happening...?



Club members Abington Lions 1988 L to R
Lions Frank Moulder club secretary, Ernie Boroughs,
Ed Kocis, PDG Bill Heen and Governor Ed Klovensky



Abington Lions Carnival 1988 at the Chinchilla
Elementary School

ABINGTON LIONS CLUB

Held Board of Directors meeting

October 20 Had Spouse Appreciation Night and Governors Visit. DG Cathy Metschulat installed 2021-2022 Club officers and installed new member Don Gross.

Making for the PennDot Safety Break Coffee Stop project on Thanksgiving week-end.

Placed a Park Bench in Lewis Lane Park

Preparing for our 62nd annual (since 1959) Santa project, December 12-13

NEW MEMBER IN ABINGTON LIONS CLUB

Lion Don Gross --- sponsored by Shirley Skinner

Welcome aboard Don

SERVICE PROJECTS

Make or purchase bird feeders and put them in a public place

Create a habitat for wildlife. For example, owls love nesting boxes. Build, or purchase them as a club and position it in an area where owls typically reside..

FALLS LIONS CLUB

Road cleanup is set for October 30th starting at 9AM. Meet at Falls Post Office Frank Gudman will have gloves, trash bags and safety vests. Come out and enjoy the walk, see what crazy items you find.

FALLS LIONS CLUB

This will be our 3rd year of collecting items for about 300 teens in Wyoming County. We have received several donations and hopefully will get more.

Our needs include Gloves, Hats, Socks, toothpaste/toothbrush, toiletries, body wash or anything else that a teen would like. Monetary donations are also excepted.

All items should be turned in by December 1st.

Any questions call Ida Ferguson 607-742-2179



Falls Lions Club had 17 members and 2 volunteers to help. Sold out within an hour. 200 chickens and potatoes were done around 10 a.m., Kyle Reeves was the master chef, but had several helpers.

Fun was had by all.



Ready to serve, Jennifer Shoemaker, Joe Peters, Sharon Thorpe, Karen Cokely and Nancy Smith



Dale Ferguson, Lions Club President, was collecting the money



Cars lined up to get Chicken



Kyle Reeves and Dave Thorpe taking a little break from cooking the chickens



The Falls Lions Club Teen Project. With help from the Active Adult Center made a total of 165 bracelets and necklaces to match. They will be going into teen girls Christmas stockings

Service project ideas

Arrange a nature walk with seniors

Purchase something for Senior center. Radio – Games – Playing cards – Pool que’s – Exercise equipment.

Be a support group for your local Animal shelter (this could make a great signature project for your club)

Find a Lion that knows how to read, then read to children’s group or the elderly.

Take up a collection for your local food pan**Ry**.

Honesdale Lions Club is collecting any throw away plastic bottle caps from the tops of Soda, Water, milk, etc., bottles for Children with Cancer: through an affiliation with our Local Radio Stations, **WDNH Bold Gold Media**. These donations help to provide resources for fighting Childhood cancer

Go to website

www.snopes.com/fact-check/capped-well/

Saving Plastic Bottle Caps for Medical Treatment

Speak to your Zone Chair --- Host our Zone meeting
Donate your services at a food bank – wear Lion shirts or vests
Collect food for food Pantry

EYNON – ARCHBALD - HARVEST FEST



Sandy & Rich Guman –
Co chairs



Lorrie Ann Reilly, Erin Owen, Robert
Guman, Sandy Guman, Dan Hart

EYNON – ARCHBALD -

November 25th Eynon – Archbald
Lions Club, will Deliver Thanksgiving
meals to those in need in our community



November 6th Trivia Challenge,
doors open 5pm, starts at 6pm, Eynon
VFW \$10 pp BYO snacks/refreshments
570-877-4845 contact Karen Rapoch to
reserve your spot

Which fruit has more genes than a human's?

How many bones does a baby have at birth?

What year did Sir Francis Drake defeat the
Spanish Armada?

Answers on the bottom of newsletters last page

District 14-H Sight / Hearing meeting

Tunkhannock Lions Club

Todd & Rachael's - Tioga St.

(Tunkhannock's Main St - just before 1 mile Hill)

November 11th - 6:30 p.m.



DISTRICT 14-H Sight & Hearing Committee

Minutes of October 14th, 2021

Christ the King Parish Center - hosted by Eynon Archbald Lions Club

PRESENT: IPDG Dave Barrett, Lion Preston Barrett, PDG Butch Sands, Lion Josie Sands, PDG Fran Stepkovitch, Lion Ed Stepkovitch, PDG Karen, PDG Joe Skinner, 1VDG Allan Hetkowski, 2VDG David Rudis, PDG Bill Metschulat, Lion Erin Owen, Lion Rich Guman, Lion Sandy Guman, Lion Karen Rapoch, Lion Karen Spataro, Lion Paula Turpack

Absent - Lions Barbara Taylor (Sight Treasurer)

President PDG Butch Sands opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, thanks to Eynon Archbald Lions Club for hosting, and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Lion Erin Owen welcomed everyone, thank you for coming out this evening, glad we can all be together, everyone did an awesome job during covid with emergency kits, fundraising, activities.

It's great to be in the lion's family. Enjoy our meeting.

The minutes of last meeting, all were asked if reviewed. A motion to approve was made by PDG Karen Cokely seconded 2VDG Dave Rudis and so carried.

- - **Hearing Treasurer's report:** PDG Karen Cokely Last Balance - \$2,717.27 \$50.00 application fee (copay) - \$500.00 to Design Hearing for Mary Sharer (Montrose) Balance as of 9/9/21 is \$2,167.27

A motion to approve made by PDG Bill Metschulat, seconded by Lion Erin Owen, so carried.

-- **Sight Treasurers report:** Lion Barbara Taylor (Absent)

-- Same as last month - no changes Opening balance \$9,687.19 Deposited \$1,000 from DG Dave Barrett Kid-sight has \$1,943.45, therefore Sight First has \$8,743.74

There was no correspondence or bills to be paid. No applications.

OLD BUSINESS

-- Lion Erin Owen asked about schedule for District vision screening cameras. PDG Fran Stepkovitch answered that we have it scheduled throughout the school year. It takes most of the school year to complete screening. After that is completed, we can move to the Day Care Centers. PDG Joe Skinner mentioned that Pa. has the CHIP program for children in need of glasses, our program is more directed at the senior population.

-- November meeting will be at **Todd + Rachel's in Tunkhannock, 6:30** food, meeting starts at 7pm.

NEW BUSINESS

-- IPDG Dave Barrett presented the John Crone fellow to PDG Karen Cokely, #70 in the state. Photo on page 14 of this newsletter.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- November - Tunkhannock at Todd + Rachael's, 215 W Tioga St., Tunkhannock (Hawley Lake Wallenpaupack can step in if needed for a meeting)

PDG Comments

-- IPDG Dave - Our District is hosting October 2023 State Convention, will be at the Hilton in Scranton, more info coming.

- 1VDG Alan - I'm enjoying everything, this is my 4th meeting this week. Working on membership development, leadership development, attending upcoming State Council meetings. Working on outreach to all our communities, service to our communities. Want to share with people, what lions do. I see all the dedication of our lions in District 14H. Scranton Club will have 100-year anniversary in 2023. Also want to make people aware of what being a lion is, more help to zone chairs and more.

- 2VDG Dave - keep up the good work, Tim Healey attended our last meeting and is joining our Club. Some other members will go to Minooka Club. I sent new member from their area, to join Tunkhannock Club.

- PDG Fran - Just a reminder \$35 fee waived until December 31, promote new members. Our Club always puts info in local newspapers to let Community aware of what lions do. - PDG Karen - we had 17 members helping at our last chicken BBQ, great turnout, thank you all...

- PDG Joe - DG visit on the 20th, still collecting aluminum can tabs, recently turned in 70 lbs., to the Ronald McDonald house, in Scranton. Honesdale Club is collecting plastic bottle tops, soda bottles, water battles, milk bottles, gallon jug tops, send them to PDG Joe and he will get them to Honesdale. See on page 10 of this newsletter. October newsletter's page 3 has a history of the Lions, when/where Melvin Jones started everything. Don't forget to send PDG Joe info for the newsletter, awesome info each month, check the newspaper contact info too., (Page 5) of the November newsletter. When sending pictures, in JPEG or PDF format, send as much info as possible, they can edit it.

Early to bed - early to rise - work like hell and advertise.

- PDG Bill - Thank you to everyone who came, donated or helped in any way for our granddaughter's benefit. All lions have a heart, still receiving donations, thank you to the Community as well. DG Cathy worked hard and our granddaughter will now be able to afford her service dog. Thank you, to all.

- PDG Butch - Lion Gordie Potratz was supposed to have his surgery today, keep him in your prayers. St. Patrick's parade we will attend in March, plan on attending. See you at the November meeting with my Club hosting, hot dogs and chili!

Lion Paula Turpack works at Cintas and always tells others the good lions do, and sometimes my coworkers help and support us at our events. It's hard to get them to join, they just like to come and donate at events. Lion Karen Rapoch reminded everyone that we have medical supplies for those in need, we just did Adopt-A-Highway cleanup and we will be doing a Trivia Challenge 11/6, proceeds to go to Leader Dogs for the Blind. We hope to bring back the Snowflake Gala in 2023. We always promote our activities on Facebook, local papers, flyers...we love what we do.

-Check out the October newsletter for PDG Joe's typo - donate to food panties (instead of pantries) - ha ha ha
EYEGASSES / HEARING AIDS

- TUNKHANNOCK - 95 eyeglasses

- TAYLOR - 3 boxes

- ABINGTON - 93 eyeglasses, 11 cases, 1 telephone (giving to Mary Lou of Scranton Club)

- MINISINK - 1 bag eyeglasses, 1 hearing aids

** PDG Fran will hold and give to Lion Gordie at next month's meeting

** PDG Jo Skinner takes sunglasses to Gino Merli (notice PDG Fran's typo) ha ha ha your own self.

** Lion Erin asked what is done with all eyeglasses collected - they are sorted, cleaned and sent to organizations in the United States, and many are sent to poorer countries. PDG Joe sends many pairs to Uganda, who has need for them.

GOOD OF THE DISTRICT

- -ABINGTON – PennDot Safety Break Coffee Stop on Wednesday and Friday of Thanksgiving weekend, at the Thompkinsville rest area on 81-N. - Santa Claus Project - we will be doing a drive-thru at Metropolitan Life, on the Morgan Highway, on December 11, with a rain day of December 12. Normally we send 7 Santa's out with candy and coloring books, crayons. Our Club is doing this for 62 years, the project started 1959.

-EYNON ARCHBALD - 10/16 & 10/17 "UP THE EYNON" Marketplace at AC Field from 11-3 both days, 10/31 Children's Halloween drive through by the Archbald Ambulance Bldg. 1-3pm, 11/6 Trivia Challenge at Eynon VFW, doors open 5pm, starts 6pm, BYO refreshments/snacks only \$10pp, all proceeds will go to Leader Dogs for the Blind, 11/15 we serve local residents in need complete hot turkey meals, helping the Borough with Santa Train 12/4, we give children gloves, hats. 12/12 casino bus trip to Wind Creek in Bethlehem during Chris kindle mart, \$30pp \$25 back to gamble. Contact Fran 570-470-7838 for addition info for any event.

- TUNKHANNOCK- 12/3 & 12/4 lions doing hot chocolate booth and wagon rides in town. We helped park cars at fair. * * *No further business, PDG Butch thanked Eynon Archbald Lions Club for hosting the meeting, always nice getting together and being social with all lions, we are like a family, 1VDG Alan Hetkowski made a motion to adjourn and Lion Rich Guman seconded, so carried.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Fran Stepkovitch

DUNMORE LIONS CLUB

Dunmore Lions Club White Cane Day Chairman Angelo Martarano scheduled a collection on Saturday, October 2nd and Sunday, October 3rd at our area churches.

Our Athletic Committee Chairman Gino Tempesta scheduled a collection at the Dunmore/Mid Valley

High School Football game on Friday, October 8th at the Dunmore football stadium.



Dunmore Lions Club

Community Service Chairwoman Mary Regina Perry has us scheduled to serve lunch for the Lackawanna Blind Association at their building in Scranton Pa. on Monday October 25th.

Dunmore Lions Club delivered various Durable Medical Equipment to a number of disable individuals within our community during the September, October period.



Dunmore Lions Club held our October's dinner meeting at the Two Brothers Restaurant on East Drinker Street and have planned our November dinner meeting for Anthony's Restaurant on Wheeler Avenue all within Dunmore Borough.

Dunmore Lions Club is making plans for our Magic Show to be held this year at the Dunmore Elementary Center during the month of December.



IPDG Dave Barrett presented a John R Crone Fellowship to PDG Karen Cokely, at the October Sight/Hearing meeting in Archbald.

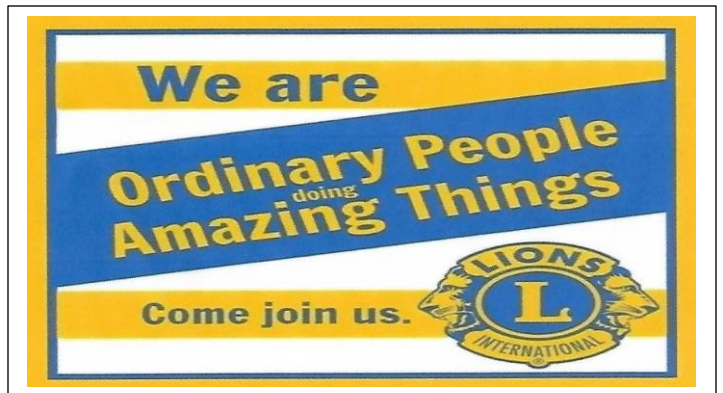
The Fellowship is bestowed on Lions, who have been instrumental in the area of Hearing Research. The Fellowship is awarded by the Hearing Recourse Foundation, of Pennsylvania.

PDG Karen is the 70th Lion to be awarader with a Fellowship.



The Tunkhannock Lions welcomes it's newest member Collin Fricke of Factoryville

Welcome aboard, Collin



The **Dunmore Lions Club** recently hosted a luncheon for the Lackawanna Blind Association (LBA) at their building on Adams Avenue in Scranton. The Lions prepared and served a homemade pasta meal to members of the Association.



Dunmore Lions Participants from left:: Jim Colangelo, Club Secretary, Sam Sebastianelli, Club Treasurer, Rich Green, Club VP. and LBA member, Leo Wentline jr., Club Welfare Fund Chairman, Mary Regina Perry, Club Activities Chair and LBA member, Jim Aita, Club President. Attached are photos from the event.

PUPPY SPONSORSHIP

A \$500 donation allows you to choose from a select group of puppies to symbolically sponsor and receive:

- ▶ A portrait of your sponsored Future Leader Dog suitable for framing
- ▶ Four wallet-size photos to share
- ▶ A profile of your Future Leader Dog with fun information such as personality traits, favorite toys and more
- ▶ An official sponsorship certificate
- ▶ **Each sponsorship comes with a matching plush puppy!**



<p>Sakari Michigan</p>	<p>Benton Tennessee</p>	<p>Thea Wisconsin</p>
<p>Sequoia Michigan</p>	<p>Papi Michigan</p>	<p>Harper Maryland</p>

YES! I would like to sponsor a puppy!

Name (Required) _____


Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Email Address _____ Phone (____) _____

Sponsoring (*please circle ONE puppy*) Sakari Benton Thea Sequoia Papi Harper

Please make check payable to "Leader Dogs for the Blind" with "Puppy Sponsorship" in the memo.
 Mail to: Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Rd, Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115
 You can also sponsor a puppy online at LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy

 - Raised by volunteer Lion puppy raisers



Lucas Atherton Hill

September, 12 2009

September, 23 2021