



Feasterville-Treose Lions Club,  
District 14A

SUMMER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Keeping you informed of what we do in  
making our Community a better place to live.

*Dear Spring, I'm breaking up with you.  
I think it's time I start another season.  
p.s. Summer is way hotter than you.*

Short summary of things we've accomplished since the last newsletter:

- √ Our Service Activity Report, period from July 2021 to June 2022 shows a total of 5,928 people served, completing 44 service activities, and a total of 365 volunteer hours performed. This represents tangible evidence of our community engagement, how we are making a difference in the Feasterville-Treose community.
- √ Thanks to Jeanine Price, we had another, successful fundraiser at Painting With a Twist, May 7 in Bensalem: over \$600 raised. Our 5 Below event within the same time period yielded about \$262.
- √ At our May 10 Dinner Meeting the club formerly presented a \$1,200 check to the Kyle McQue family, Kyle having significant health issues. Subsequent to that meeting we forwarded another check (\$100) received for Kyle's benefit (see image next page).
- √ We also donated \$100 to the Lions Beacon Lodge.
- √ Our Cops & Robbers' fundraiser at Parx Casino on May 22 yielded about \$190—somewhat of a disappointment due to the extreme heat & humidity, as well as a poor location for our refreshment stand (we're told as a result of miscommunications among Parx officials).
- √ Our PDG Tom Vasek formerly installed Dana Karpen as a new member of the Feasterville-Treose club, Jeanine Price her sponsor. Welcome Dana!
- √ We are still selling tickets for the Trenton Thunder game scheduled for July 28 at the Arm & Hammer Stadium in Trenton. Start time is 7 p.m. We guarantee you'll enjoy this this annual outing, another opportunity to get together as a club and perhaps, appreciate watching semi-pro baseball. Call PDG Tom Vasek ASAP—tickets are now scarce. Play ball!
- √ Special thanks to Lions AJ, Arvind, Donna, Jim, Kathy, Mickey, Tom & Will who helped make our Celtic Heritage Day in Bristol a great success!



Lion Jeanine Price and the McQue family being presented with a larger than life-size, facsimile \$1,200 check. Kyle holding his gift with a tight grip from the Feasterville-Trevese club. They were quite appreciative. So were we.

Dana Karpen with her certification of induction into the Feasterville-Lions Club from PDG Tom Vasek



<— An introduction to our first participation in Bristol's Celtic Heritage Day celebrating Irish music, dancing, and fanfare on Sunday, June 26.



Lion Kathy preparing cheesesteaks



Lion Jeanine manning our food booth



Lions: Arvind Soni



AJ Chawla



Sahil Saif



<—Left, Jeanine, middle, Will, & far right, PDG Tom Vasek



Bristol Lion, Bill Kurko with his pet raccoon



FT's unofficial mascot, Luna guarding our tent

## Member(s) Spotlight: JAMES & KATHLEEN BODNAR



<— this image is from our 50th Wedding Celebration last year.

I was born and raised in Western PA (South Leechburg), along with my three siblings (I am the eldest). Spouse Kathleen was one of seven children; also born and raised in Western PA (Wexford). (Kathy the eldest).

We both met at a fraternity/sorority mixer at Slippery Rock University. Kathy graduated with a degree in Special Education, and me with a Liberal Arts degree. Upon completing my Master's degree in Economics from Duquesne University, we married and subsequently relocated to Philadelphia. We lived in Northeast Philly for about eight years before moving to Bensalem.

I spent my last decade of my career in Philadelphia as a Regional Director, U.S. Department of Labor before retiring. Kathy initially taught at the North Hills in Pittsburgh, later at the Philadelphia and Bensalem School Districts for several years. She eventually retired as an Academic Coordinator for METC. We are fortunate to have two wonderful daughters and five grandchildren who live nearby—if we had known grandchildren were this much fun, we would have had them first.

In retirement, we never lacked interest in doing a lot of things together. We've taken several excursions in Europe, including river cruises. We've also travelled extensively stateside. Photography is a major interest of mine: translated, this makes it a great incentive for us to get out and see the world. Kathy is a history buff that sparks her interest as well. We recently returned from a week's stay at a resort in 'The Berkshires' (Western Massachusetts), an area chock full of historic sites, museums, fine restaurants.

Besides being a treasurer of the Feasterville-Trevose Lions, I have been teaching AARP Driver Safety for seniors (age 50 and older) for almost ten years, am a member of the Bristol Photography Club, and a member of the Board of Directors at a lakeside resort in the Poconos. During the pandemic, I endured more zoom meetings with these organizations that you could shake a stick at.

For the most part, in our golden years, we are healthy and grateful to have reached this stage of our lives. What we've learned, so far is that laughing at our mistakes can lengthen our own life. Laughing at someone else's can shorten it.

*Dear Diary,*

*I found that I have been happier since I changed from coffee in the morning to orange juice. My doctor explained that it's the vitamin C and natural sugars, but I really think it's the vodka.*

*Me.*