



Some of you know me, others do not; let me introduce myself. I am Elliott Hilton; I was elected your District Governor in Melbourne, Australia in June. The photo above shows then DG Maria pinning the Governor's pin on my jacket in May. I want to tell you a little about myself. I was raised in Shenango Township, near New Castle and tagged along with Shenango Lions and Lioness when I was in my late teens. My Grandma Ida Rashid Hilton was a charter member of the Shenango Area Lioness Club, and my Grandpa Robert Hilton was a member of the Shenango Lions Club. I joined the Shenango Club in 1996 when I was just shy of 20 years old. My mentors were PDGs Paul Morrone, Francis Stockman and Fred Shields, all great Lions.

I graduated from Shenango High School, Butler County Community College (Associate of Applied Science, Hospitality Administration/Management), Youngstown State University (BSAS, Hotel, Restaurant, Event Management) and Waynesburg University (MBA, Business Administration). I taught at Butler County Community College, The International Culinary School at the Art Institute of Ohio-Cincinnati and was the Culinary Department Chair at the Art Institute of Michigan. I was the Corporate Director of Culinary Services for Advantage Living Centers in Michigan and am currently the Director of Dining Services for Cura Hospitality at the Sisters of St. Joseph in Baden.

I was a Lion in Shenango Township, PA, Northville and Novi Clubs in Michigan where I was a Zone and Region Chairperson and a Second Vice Governor. I came back to Pennsylvania in 2021 and joined the Zelienople Lions Club. I have been their president and treasurer as well as the Second Vice District Governor, and most recently the First Vice District Governor, and have been involved in the District since 2022. I look forward to putting my education and experience to work for the Lions of District 14-N.



My theme this year is "United in Service." I want to energize the camaraderie within the cabinet and between the cabinet and the clubs. I know some of the clubs need to work on unity, too. I intend to make many differences in the District and its functioning, beginning with changes of venue for meetings and events. I will ask each Lion to rededicate him- or herself as a reminder of why we became Lions. District 14-N has great Lions who have done much service over the years and we need reminded of how and why we did it.

The dates for the cabinet meetings and events will be published on the website and by emails to the clubs very shortly. Several of the events originally planned had to be changed because of conflicting events in the State.

I have chosen a cabinet with new Lions and former ones, too. New Lions have also been chosen as Zone Chairpersons and committee members with the idea that change is good and is needed. I hope the former leading Lions will pledge their support to helping when asked to keep the District moving forward in the new year.

I look forward to working with all of you this year!

*Elliott J. Hilton*