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Our Children, Our Community, Our Future

## Wall of Honor 2023

This year, we are proud to recognize **Clarence M Ditlow III, Class of '61,** and **Susan Trace Newton, Class of '65.**

A tenacious advocate and pioneer in motor vehicle safety, **Clarence** championed causes that saved countless lives. After graduating from Camp Hill, he received a BA in Chemical Engineering in 1965 from Lehigh University, and later a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown and a master's degree in law from Harvard.



Clarence M Ditlow III, '61

Throughout his career, Clarence brought lawsuits that tightened standards for ignition systems, airbags, and fuel efficiency. He helped

establish and pass the federal Lemon law, as well as seatbelt and airbag legislation.

**Susan** grew up in Camp Hill, and returned to the community years later



Susan Trace Newton, '65

to become a teacher, coach and mentor whose impact on students and colleagues lives on.

After graduating from Camp Hill High School, she attended the Sorbonne at the University of Paris and graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in French. She and her husband, Dr. Frederick Newton, eventually moved back to Pennsylvania and had two children, Michael and Kara, both of whom graduated from CHHS. Susan returned to teaching French and math at CHHS, and later became a full-time math teacher for more than 30 years. Susan's selfless dedication to her students enabled them to excel at math in high school and beyond.

## Great Ideas on the GO!

Your donations helped fund so many Great Ideas this school year, including The VanGo Art Museum on Wheels, which came to Eisenhower and Hoover this spring. They explored careers as art conservators and curators and studied art that utilized recycled materials/trash!

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## Message from Kelly

It's hard to believe we are almost at the end of another school year in Camp Hill!

We recently awarded over \$76k in GREAT IDEA grants that will be put to use this summer and next school year. It's always exciting to put donor dollars to action! Watch for details about the projects on social media. And, remember to mark your calendars for June 10, for the 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament and Block Party on 26th Street in Camp Hill. It promises to be a fun community event, and the cornhole competition is always a nail biter!

We can't wait to celebrate with you soon!

*Kelly Falck*

Executive Director



**Cornhole Tournament**  
and  
**26th Street Block Party**  
Save the date!  
**Saturday June 10th**  
TheLionFoundation.org

**New Honorarium/Memorial Donations**  
(10/04/22 - 4/1/23)

In Memory Of William "Red" Cumings  
by Kathy Hamilton

In Memory of Earl Besch  
by Susan Pera

In Memory of Earl Besch  
by Cornerstone Coffeehouse

In Memory of Earl Besch  
by Don Besch

In Memory of "Lucky" Eisler  
By Richard Williams

In Honor of Sue Pera's Birthday &  
In Memory of Earl Besch  
by Robert Hamilton

In Honor of Hon. Lisel Beckley  
by Frederic Sanford

In Honor of Thomas and Missy Minehan  
by Frederic Sanford



## Meet Ashley Poorman of the Lion Academy

As part of our mission to spotlight the many ambitious projects and programs your generous donations help make possible, we recently sat down with Ashley Poorman, the distance learning coordinator for Camp Hill's Lion Academy. Together with our partners at UPMC and our EITC business supporters, we have provided nearly \$30,000 in grants to the Lion Academy.

**LF:** Thank you for meeting with me today. What is The Lion Academy?

**AP:** So, The Lion Academy is Camp Hill School District's online virtual learning environment. It is kind of a self-contained cyber school within our school district. It is K-12. And it offers learning opportunities for students full-time and part-time. So we have full-time students who are fully virtual at home, and part-time students who take up to a credit of classes. So it's really flexible, and it's in partnership with our IU through the CAOLA program—Capital Area Online Learning Association.

**LF:** Great, and when did it start?

**AP:** Officially, The Lion Academy started last year. So the 2021-22 school year was the launchpad year for the program. We've grown tremendously since then, and I don't see a stopping point from here.

**LF:** And what's the enrollment currently, and has it grown in the last year?

**AP:** Currently, I have almost 100 part-time students, and I have almost 40 full-time students. So about 37 full-time and 94 part-time.

**LF:** That's a big program!

**AP:** Yeah, it's huge, and it's pretty much doubled from last year, maybe slightly more than doubled, especially the part-time component.

**LF:** So for the part-time students, can you explain a bit more what their experience looks like?

**AP:** So they can take up to a credit, and it's a mixed bag of what that looks like. It can be two semester-length courses that are completely different. It can be one full-year course. It can be four different marking-period-length courses. So it's really up to them but it equals about a credit.

**LF:** And who oversees The Lion Academy's students?

**AP:** So that's me. I'm in charge of their progress. I always say that my job is the three As: advocacy, accountability and academic intervention. So, my primary job is working with students, keeping them on track, and checking their grades and their attendance and their progress. They also have a teacher built into each of their courses who grades their work, and also keeps a close eye on how they're doing, and can answer questions when they come off.

**LF:** Finally, how has funding from The Lion Foundation helped you in carrying out your mission?

**AP:** The Lion Foundation has been essential in helping us fund our mission. They really make these career classes possible. They are the ones who are helping us to provide these various opportunities that we couldn't provide in person. So it's been just really essential and just so wonderful to have their support. I can't say enough good things about The Lion Foundation, but they have really helped keep us afloat and also keep us growing and becoming more and more successful. And I'm just really thankful to them.

STUDENT QUOTE:

"I chose the Lion Academy because they offer career oriented courses. I'm currently taking Intro to Nursing, which is specific to my future career and will help me prepare to start nursing school next year." —Intro to nursing student



Interview edited for space. Read the full interview at: <https://www.thelionfoundation.org/>

## Lion Pride Society Business Circle



as of 3-31-23

**Sentinel of the Pride** \$10,000+  
Hilton-Diminick Orthodontic Associates, PC  
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NexTier Bank  
Pennsylvania Retina Specialists PC  
Planet Fitness  
Pursuit Advocacy, LLC  
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