

# Lions International Peace Poster Contest

## Children Know Peace

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### MACUNGIE'S KATIE BACHER WINS LIONS DISTRICT 14-K COMPETITION AND MD-14 LIONS COMPETITION IN LIONS INTERNATIONAL PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Katie Bacher of Macungie took steps the past month toward becoming an internationally recognized artist. She earned first place in the District 14-K Lions Peace Poster competition. From there, Bacher's poster was judged in Harrisburg in the Multiple District-14 contest, earning first place.

Bacher's poster was then submitted to Lions Club International for judging in the worldwide contest.

Lower Lehigh Lions Club sponsored the peace poster contest which Bacher won to advance to the district competition.

Bacher's poster is among more than 350,000 entries submitted worldwide in the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

The Macungie girl's poster was selected by a panel of judges for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, "Children Know Peace." Last year, Bacher earned a third place finish in the District 14-K contest.

District 14-K Peace Poster Contest Chairman Paul Bealer continues to be impressed by the expression and creativity of the students that were judged in the district poster contest.

"These young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. Each year the visions these children put on paper of their meaning of peace continues to improve and impress," Bealer said. "I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions."

One international grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$5,000, and engraved plaque and a trip to a special award ceremony with the sponsoring club president and two family members at Lions Day with the United Nations in March. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of \$500. Lions Club International will announce the winners by Feb. 1

"Our club is cheering for Ms. Bacher as her poster advances to the international competition. Her vision of peace will ultimately be shared with others around the world," Bealer said. Bealer also serves as president of the Hellertown Lions Club.

Locally, Bacher and the other top two finishers in the district peace poster contest will be recognized for their participation during the District 14-K Convention in the spring. The trio will be invited to the convention to receive their posters, which will be framed. Bacher's state award will also be presented to her at the convention luncheon.

Earning second place in the competition was Selena Torruellas, sponsored by Lehigh Valley Saturday AM Lions Club.

Earning third place in the District 14-K contest was Madison Nader, sponsored by Lower Lehigh Lions Club.

Also sponsoring peace poster contests in their hometowns this year were Bangor Lions Club, Hellertown Lions Club, Wilson Lions Club and Alton Park Lions Club.



*Katie Bacher,  
2011 District 14-K and  
Pennsylvania Winner  
in Lions Club Peace  
Poster Contest*