

# Lions International Peace Poster Contest

## *The Power of Peace*

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### **Lexi McKelley wins Lions District 14-K competition in**

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Lexi McKelley, an eighth grade student at Salisbury Township Middle School, has taken another step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning the District 14-K Lions Peace Poster competition.

McKelley'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.

"If we work together as one unit, we have the power to live in peace," said McKelley, 13.

The Salisbury Township teen's poster was selected by a panel of judges for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, "The Power of Peace." To advance to the district contest, McKelley was the winner of a peace poster contest sponsored by Alton Park Lions Club.

Judging for the District 14-K contest was held the week of Nov. 16 in Hellertown. Serving as judges were Hellertown's Carol Schneider, Amanda Buss and Vanessa Segaline. All have background in art or are involved as community volunteers with youth groups and civic service groups.

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."

"McKelley's poster will advance through the multiple district and international levels of competition if she is to be declared the international grand prize winner," Bealer said. Assisting Bealer with the District 14-K Peace Poster Contest is District 14-K Second Vice District Governor Joseph J. Chunko.

One international grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of \$2,500. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of \$500.

"Our club is cheering for Ms. McKelley as her poster advances to the state competition. We hope that her vision of peace will ultimately be shared with others around the world," Bealer said. Bealer serves as secretary and first vice president of the Hellertown Lions Club.

Locally, McKelley 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.

Earning second place in the competition was Karen Skibicki, sponsored by Wilson Boro Lions Club.

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

The other contestants, who were all first place winners in contests sponsored by their local Lions Clubs, were:

Samantha Hartmann, sponsored by Bangor Lions Club

Cheyenne Diaz, sponsored by Hellertown Lions Club

Danay Rosa, sponsored by Lehigh Valley Saturday AM Lions Club

Emily Hendershot, sponsored by Hecktown-Lower Nazareth Lions Club

Brad Fekulon, sponsored by Whitehall Lions Club

