

Lions District 29 L Newsletter

December 2022



Message from DG Jay Houser



District Wide Survey

Several years ago, as a new club president, one of the first things I did was use the How's Your Ratings survey provided by LCI. This gave me insight of our club's health and how satisfied the members were with the club. As your Governor, I want the same feedback from clubs within our district to determine how satisfied clubs are. Lion Kathy Syphers, our district IT chair, has created a district survey that will be emailed to you over the next three months. The surveys are short; only ten questions each with a total of five surveys. The surveys are completely anonymous and processed by a third party, so we get honest data.

You, as individual Lions, are the most **important part of this district** and I need to hear from you! You have the first-hand experience that I need to learn the health of our district! This survey will allow the District Cabinet and myself to see what areas may need improvement. Club secretaries, I need your help to ensure these surveys are passed along to your members. When you receive the survey, simply forward the email with the attached survey to your club members. The results of your members' completed surveys will be directed to Lion Kathy.

Please take a few minutes to complete the surveys and let us know our strengths and weaknesses in 29L. All data collected will be shared through future 29L newsletters.

Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a New Year of happiness and continued blessings throughout the year.

Thanks for all you do,

DG Jay Houser
304-580-6322

December Schedule

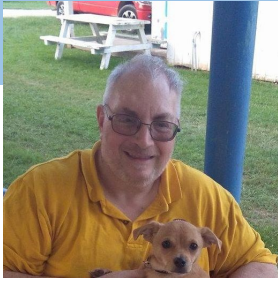
5th Wheeling Island DG night 6 pm

6th Moundville DG noon

[Click Here](#)
to take the survey.



Message from 1st VDG Dan Heintzman



Happy December fellow 29L Lions!!!!

Wow, where did the time go? Seems like just last week it was July and here we are in December. By now you should have received the 29L district survey. Please take the time to fill it out then click submit. DG Jay will use the results to focus on what he needs to do for the remainder of the 22-23 year and give me an idea of what to work on for next year. It only takes a couple of minutes to do the survey, so please take advantage of using your voice to better the district.

Please do not forget to mark your calendars for January 7 and January 21. That is when my district wide SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) analysis will be held via Zoom. It will run from 10am to noon both Saturdays. PDG Bernie Pitcock will email to everyone the zoom link. It is open to all Lions especially zone chairs, Club presidents, and Club secretaries. I want to use the results as a roadmap for next year.

I want to take a moment to thank each and every one of you all for your hard work in 2022. I have visited several Clubs this year and am amazed at the hard work each Lion in each Club does for their communities. Thank you!!!!

And finally, on behalf of Lion Charlotte and our furbabies Gibbs and Abner, we wish you all the best for the upcoming Holiday season and a wonderful 2023. As always, if I can assist any Lion or any Club, please ask.

FVDG Dan

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We Serve By 29L GST Linda Leasure



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- Showing your club's effectiveness
- Providing insight to current and future club leaders

In addition, clubs that report service become eligible for awards and recognition, including the [Kindness Matters Service Award](#) and the [Club Excellence Award](#).

To learn more about service reporting and the benefits to your club, visit the [service reporting webpage](#). If you have any questions, contact me at linleasure@yahoo.com or LCI by email at serviceactivities@lionsclubs.org.

Happy Holidays!!

PDG Linda Leasure, GST 29L

Treasurers

District Dues Clarification

District dues statements are mailed to club treasurers in January. The amount your club will be assessed is based upon the number of members as of midnight, December 31, as reported on the Monthly Membership Report. It is no longer acceptable to drop members after that time and deduct the amount of dues for those members. The district is assessed for those members and must pay it.

Club secretaries are urged to make any necessary changes prior to midnight on December 31. It is also vital that all officer contact information is updated, so that dues statements can be mailed to the proper persons. If anyone needs help with this, or has any questions regarding dues, they can contact me, DG Jay Houser, or 1VDG Dan Heintzman.

Have a Merry Christmas!

Bill Syphers,

District 29-L Secretary/Treasurer

Leadership PDG Bernice



I would like to thank those Lions from District L and District C who participated in the Club Quality Assessment Workshop held earlier in November. I hope you all took away something of use for your clubs to increase membership, create new service projects and increase community awareness of all the good Lions Clubs do in your communities.

Be on the lookout for information from me regarding 1st VDG Dan's planned SWOT Analysis Zoom programs to be held in January. I will be sending out the Zoom links to Presidents/VP's/Secretaries/Treasurers and Zone Chairs – 1st VDG Dan needs **your** help to plan for his upcoming District Governor's year.

Wishing you all a peaceful, joyous Christmas Season and a Happy New Year!!

Diabetes Awareness # 52

Diabetes Chair: Lion Mary Kay Wensyel



The Diabetes, Heart Disease, Kidney Disease Triangle

Did you know that diabetes can lead to other health conditions heart disease and chronic kidney disease? About 1 in 3 adults with diabetes also has chronic kidney disease, and about 6 in 10 adults with diabetes also have high blood pressure.

Diabetes can cause sugars to build up in the blood stream, which damages arteries and blood vessels over time. This damage can show up in many places, including your heart and kidneys. But here's the good news...because these conditions are connected, the life style changes you make to manage diabetes will also help to prevent or manage those other chronic conditions (and vice versa).

Center for Disease Control and Prevention

Childhood Cancer and Hunger PDG Mary Klages



Childhood Cancer

I recently had a phone conversation with someone in social Services Department at WVU Children's Hospital.

I was advised that gift cards are a favorite donation. Those can be to Kroger or Walmart or to restaurants local to the area. To locate nearby restaurants, use Goggle search. Gas cards are also suggested. She also recommended crafts and art supplies for the children.

I also talked to a friend whose daughter is often treated in Washington DC and one of her favorites has been stuffed animals, but the lady at WVU said they cannot accept them because they cannot be sanitized. Apparently different hospitals have different guidelines.

We have several clubs that donate lap quilts. I would urge all clubs to take on a project designed to help children with cancer. I remain available to provide programs at your meetings.

World Hunger

Recently my home club helped another organization fill bags with snacks that children at one school can take home so they might have food over weekends or in the evening. These bags were filled with food that children can fix for themselves. It took less than an hour to fill 270 bags. There are other volunteers who pack these bags as well, demonstrating that different organizations can join together to meet the needs in their communities. Some other ideas might be to stage a food drive and donate items to a food bank.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner and local soup kitchens and food banks can use extra hands to prepare and deliver food. When the holidays are over we need to remember that hunger goes on.



Mary Keyser

Chairman



THE 2023 LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IS THE PLACE TO BE!



By PCC AI Cox MD 29 International Convention Chairperson

The 105th Lions Clubs International Convention is happening in Boston, Massachusetts, from July 7 to July 11. Make your way to this historic American city to look back at all that we've done as Lions, where we are now and where we'll go next. Join us in Boston as we forge a path for the future

Boston is a vibrant city with tons of history, perfectly suited for the modern traveler. Learn about the American Revolution on the 2.5-mile red brick Freedom Trail or see how African Americans lived in 19th century Boston on the Black Heritage Trail.

Want to catch a game? Then watch the Red Sox at historic Fenway Park. Or how about a little retail therapy? The city boasts a number of shops and marketplaces. Be sure to visit famous Faneuil Hall comprising of 3 historic market buildings and a promenade featuring a shopping center with many stores & restaurants. During the convention, you will have the chance to join Lions from more than 120 countries and geographical areas – with different languages and backgrounds – marching side-by-side down the streets of Boston during the Parade of Nations. Attend seminars and vote on the association's future. And enjoy event highlights, including the spectacular international show, action-packed plenary sessions, an exciting exhibit hall and more.

The early registration deadline is fast approaching. The fee through January 13th is \$175. From January 14th through June 30th the regular registration fee is \$200 and July 1st through onsite registration, the fee is \$325. **I need to get a head count, so if you are planning on attending, please let me know by phone at 304-216-5251 or email at anewtc2@aol.com.**

Come participate in the 105th LCI International Convention and enjoy what Boston has to offer, rich history, delicious food, and top notch shopping. To get more info and to register on-line search lionsclubs.org and click on [LCICON](#) on the upper right hand of the page.



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

DISTRICT 29-L "LION ON" 2022-2023 LCIF FUN(D)RAISER

This year we hope to encourage more donations to LCIF by individual Lions of District 29-L – and add a little fun and District Spirit at the same time!

With a donation of \$25 minimum Lions can receive a 29-L Lions T-Shirt.

With a donation of \$50 minimum Lions can receive two 29-L Lions T-Shirts ... and so on.

All profits, after expenses, from this Fun(d)raiser will go to LCIF.

Shirts can be mailed for quicker delivery for \$5.

Otherwise, Shirts will be delivered by District Governor Jay Houser or his minions.

Donation from Lion _____

Lions Club _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Donation: \$ _____

Mailing @ \$5 if desired: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Make check payable to Lions District 29-L



Shirt Size	Number of Shirts	Shirt Size	Number of Shirts
Small	_____	XL	_____
Medium	_____	XXL	_____
Large	_____	XXXL	_____
		Shirts	_____
		Total	_____

Mail form and check to

Lion Tony Vandenberg
801 Dewey Avenue
St. Marys, WV 26170

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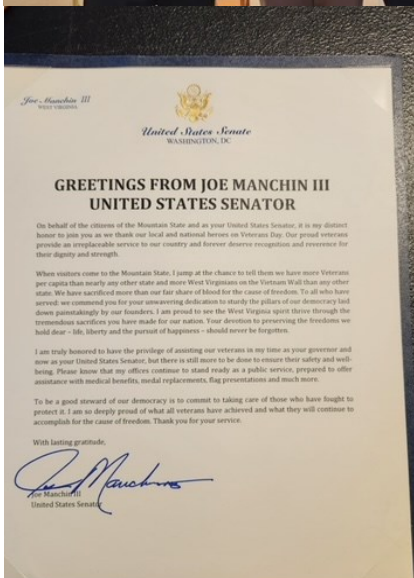
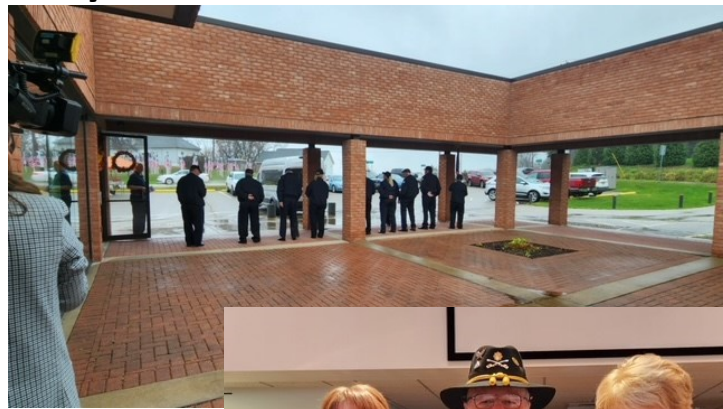
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Mt. Olivet Lions helped packed food bags at The House of the Carpenter for Ohio County school kids. The House of the Carpenter packs up 270 bags weekly to help kids have something to eat on the

Mt. Olivet Lions held Veterans Day service of Flags for Heroes.



- ◇ Featured speaker, John Niebergall Williams, is the son of one of our members, Peggy Niebergall.
- ◇ A guest from Senator Manchin's office presented the club with a letter of thanks from the Senator.
- ◇ Special thanks to the Moundsville Honor Guard who did the 21 gun salute and Taps.



Lions Amy and Suzanne deliver 300 pairs of new socks to two area shelters collected during Socktober Sock Drive



DG Jay and fellow Lions at the local craft show

Williamstown Lions Club In the community!



New Lion Lisa Coleman sharing information at the Williamstown Community Day



New Lion Terry Place and DG Jay



Warwood Lions DG Night

3 new members

- * Becky Lowmiller
- * Robert Lowmiller
- * Robert Miller



The **Wheeling Island Lions Club** will hold its annual District Governor's Night on Monday, Dec. 5, at St. Luke's Church on South Penn Street, Wheeling Island.

The members will host District 29L Gov. Jay Houser and other guests. The social hour begins at 6 p.m., with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets for the dinner – featuring baked steak, mashed potatoes, vegetables, rolls and dessert – are \$10 each. Reservations, which are due Dec. 2, may be made by calling PDG Bill Syphers at 233-0199.



Club Health Assessment for District 29 L through October 2022

Club Number	Club Name	Charter Date	Status	Membership						Reports				Finance	LCIF
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Clubs more than two years old															
10998	BARBOURSVILLE	12/18/1942	Active	40	0	0	0	0.00%	55	4		None	P,S,T,M,VP SC	4	80+ Days
10877	BARRACKVILLE	12/10/1957	Active	11	0	0	0	0.00%	11	4		7	P,M,VP,SC	4	
10878	BOAZ	03/11/1971	Active	11	1	1	0	0.00%	10	0		4	M,VP,SC	4	
10880	CHESTER	09/18/1947	Active	36	1	0	1	2.86%	33	0			N	M,SC	0
10881	CLAY BATTELLE DISTRICT L C	03/16/1969	Active	6	0	0	0	0.00%	6	5	1	None	P,S,T,M,VP SC	4	80+ Days
35997	DALLAS	08/14/1978	Active	18	1	0	1	5.88%	18	4			N	P,M,VP,VP SC	2
10883	DODDRIDGE COUNTY L C	03/26/1968	Active	40	0	1	-1	-2.44%	40	0			R	P,S,M,VP	0
10886	ELM GROVE	10/26/1943	Active	19	0	0	0	0.00%	18	1		2	N	M,SC	0
10887	FAIRMONT	04/20/1923	Active	17	0	0	0	0.00%	17	0		2	R	SC	0
10891	FOLLANSBEE	01/10/1940	Active(1)	12	1	0	1	9.09%	13	0		2		VP	0
10892	FRIENDLY	09/03/1959	Active	24	0	0	0	0.00%	29	0		2	N		0
Exc Award (06/30/2017, 06/30/2018, 06/30/20)															
10894	GLENVILLE	09/30/1957	Active	34	0	0	0	0.00%	33	3		2	R	M,SC	4
10896	GRANTSVILLE	05/14/1947	Active	22	1	1	0	0.00%	23	0			N	P,M,VP,SC	0
10898	HARRISVILLE	05/28/1930	Active	13	0	1	-1	-7.14%	20	0		4		VP,SC	4
11019	HUNTINGTON DOWNTOWN	03/09/1922	Active	5	0	0	0	0.00%	5	2		6		M,VP,SC	2
11024	LESAGE	08/07/1972	Active	19	0	13	-13	-40.63%	30	1		3	N	M,SC	4
31251	LIBERTY	10/09/1975	Active	29	0	0	0	0.00%	33	0		5	R	T,M,VP,SC	4
11029	MILTON	01/16/1930	Active	16	0	1	-1	-5.88%	16	3		2	R	P,M,VP	4
10907	MORGANTOWN	05/11/1923	Active	17	0	0	0	0.00%	18	4		4	N	M,SC	4
10908	MOUNDSVILLE	09/11/1941	Active	48	0	0	0	0.00%	51	4			N	SC	4
29361	MT OLIVET	05/29/1974	Active	26	3	1	2	8.33%	23	0			N	M	0
Exc Award (06/30/2017, 06/30/2018, 06/30/20)															
10910	NEW CUMBERLAND	04/09/1946	Active	43	0	1	-1	-2.27%	47	0			N	SC	0



On October 17th, Lions Club District 29 L Governor Jay Houser awarded local **Doddridge County Lions Club** members with “Years of Service” chevrons. (Left to Right) Lion Dave Kelly, 55 years of service; District 29L Governor Lion Jay Houser; Lion Dave Bonnell, 10 years of service; Lion Linda Bonnell, 10 years of service.



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10912	NEW MARTINSVILLE Exc. Award (06/30/2018)	01/30/1946	Active	16	0	0	0	0.00%	17	2		None		P,M,VP,SC	3		
10911	NEWELL	12/06/1946	Active	17	0	0	0	0.00%	23	4		3	R	SC	4		
140734	Ohio County Virtual Exc. Award (06/30/2021)	01/29/2020	Active	47	2	0	2	4.44%	65	3			N		2		
10914	PARKERSBURG	02/24/1922	Active	25	0	4	-4	-13.79%	29	0			N		1		\$58.00
44959	PINE GROVE SHORTLINE	05/13/1985	Active	12	0	0	0	0.00%	15	2			R	P,M,SC	4		
101913	PLEASANTS AREA Exc. Award (06/30/2018, 06/30/2019)	05/21/2008	Active	16	0	0	0	0.00%	19	0		5	R	SC	0		
62401	POINT PLEASANT	10/01/1999	Active	7	0	0	0	0.00%	7	4	1	None		P,S,T,M,VP SC	4		
11036	RAVENSWOOD	10/29/1929	Active	18	0	0	0	0.00%	18	4		5	R	M,SC	4	90+ Days	
10918	RIVESVILLE	09/28/1942	Active(1)	4	0	0	0	0.00%	4	5	1	None		P,S,T,M,VP SC	4	90+ Days	
43617	SCOTT DEPOT SCOTT TEAYS	03/05/1984	Active	23	2	1	1	4.55%	21	1		2	R	VP,SC	4		
10919	SISTERSVILLE Exc. Award (06/30/2017)	06/27/1947	Active	15	0	2	-2	-11.76%	16	0		4	R	M	0		
10921	SOUTH PARKERSBURG	11/18/1941	Active	10	0	0	0	0.00%	8	2		9	R	T,M,VP,SC	4		
11020	SOUTHEAST HUNTINGTON	01/25/1955	Active	26	3	0	3	13.04%	18	3		2	R	T,M,VP,SC	2	90+ Days	
11043	SPENCER	04/19/1928	Active	10	0	0	0	0.00%	10	7	1	None		P,S,T,M,VP SC	N/R	90+ Days	
10926	VIENNA Exc. Award (06/30/2016, 06/30/2018)	10/24/1941	Active	2	0	0	0	0.00%	10	6		8		P,VP,SC	7		
10928	WASHINGTON	03/19/1964	Active	25	0	0	0	0.00%	27	4		10	R	VP,SC	4		
10929	WAVERLY	11/12/1951	Active	7	0	0	0	0.00%	7	4	1	None		P,S,T,M,VP SC	4		
10930	WEIRTON Exc. Award (06/30/2019, 06/30/2020)	08/03/1936	Active	16	1	0	1	6.67%	15	0		2	R		0		
10932	WELLSBURG	07/23/1936	Active	32	0	0	0	0.00%	29	4			R		4		
10933	WEST LIBERTY	02/08/1972	Active	15	0	0	0	0.00%	15	4			N	P,VP,SC	4		



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District 29-L Lion Clubs



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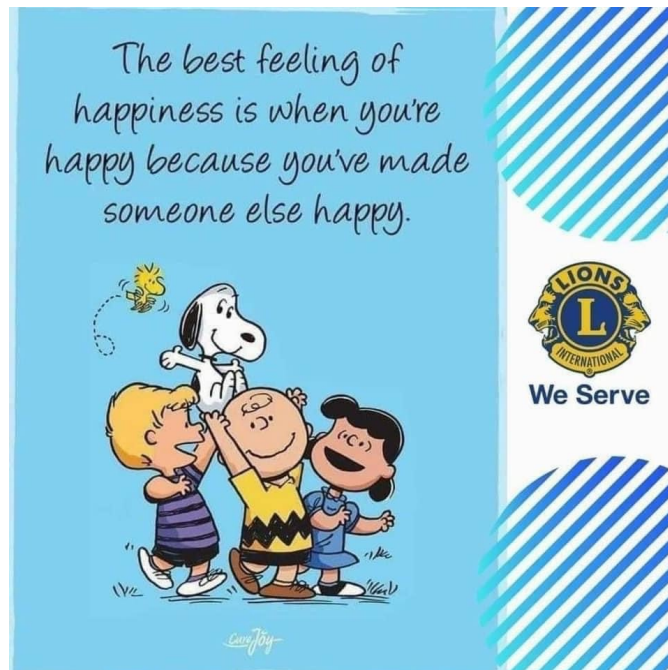
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87844	WESTERN MONONGALIA COUNTY AREA Exc Award (06/30/2020)	05/24/2005	Active	8	0	0	0	0.00%	8			0			R	P,M,VP	0		
10934	WESTOVER	08/18/1950	Active	8	0	0	0	0.00%	13			1		10		P,VP,SC	4		
10935	WHEELING	01/06/1922	Active	60	0	1	-1	-1.64%	61	15		0			R	M,VP,SC	0		\$500.00
44289	WHEELING ISLAND Exc Award (06/30/2019, 06/30/2020)	10/29/1984	Active	13	0	0	0	0.00%	12			0		2	R	P,S,T,VP	0		\$80.00
10937	WHEELING WARWOOD Exc Award (06/30/2016, 06/30/2018)	11/08/1944	Active	36	1	2	-1	-2.70%	38	15		2		2	R	T,SC	4		
10938	WILLIAMSTOWN	08/30/1946	Active	41	2	0	2	5.13%	38			1			N	SC	0		
11050	WINFIELD	01/09/1947	Active	13	0	0	0	0.00%	14			0			IP		0		

Clubs Cancelled Previous Fiscal Year – Clubs Cancelled within last 12 months may be reinstated

Club Number	Club Name	Charter Date	Current Status*	Cancellation Date
10879	BROOKHAVEN	10/23/1973	Cancelled(6*)	06/29/2022
51222	CHEAT LAKE	01/23/1991	Cancelled(6*)	06/29/2022
10913	PADEN CITY	11/14/1927	Cancelled(6*)	01/29/2022
10924	VALLEY GROVE	05/08/1956	Cancelled(6*)	11/29/2021

Current Clubs Count	YTD New Clubs Count	YTD Cancelled Clubs Count	YTD Net Club Gain	Current Total Members	YTD Add	YTD Drop	YTD Net Growth	YTD Net Growth %	Member Count 12 Months Ago	Average Member Count Per Club	% of Clubs with less than 20 members	% No MMR In 3 Months	% No Officer Report in 12 Months	% of Clubs with balance 90+ days	Number of Clubs In Status Quo	% Status Quo Clubs In Financial Suspension	Number of Cancelled Clubs	Average Cancelled Club Age	Members Lost Cancellation	% of Clubs Canceled for Due to Non-Financial Reasons
49	0	0	0	1,028	19	30	-11	-1.06%	1,106	21	61%	41%	10%	12%	0	0%	0	0	0	0%

* - P - Priority Club. Cancellation Reasons: 1-Objectives/conduct, 2-Non-active club, 5-Non-existing club, 6-Disbanding, 7-Merger, 8-Financial Suspension, 9-District/Multiple District Dues.
 ** - Abbreviation: P-President, S-Secretary, T-Treasurer, M-Member Chairperson, VP-First Vice President, MC-Communications Chairperson, SC-Service Chairperson
 *** - Abbreviation: N/R - Never reported using the Lions Clubs website, N/A - Not applicable, No password registered for the Lions Clubs website.
 **** - Abbreviation: N - New, IP - Immediate Past, R - Repeat.



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