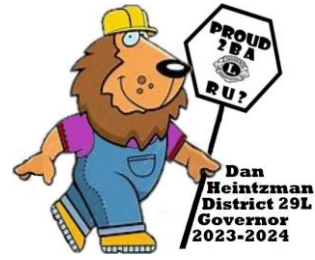




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## **Lions District 29L Newsletter November 2023**

**Vol 5**

### **DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAN HEINTZMAN**

Greetings Lions of District 29L and happy November!!!!



Very busy month of October with several DG visits and the District 29L Conference in the books. I have enjoyed each and every one of my visits thus far. Each Club is unique in its own regard and very important to its service area. Please keep up the good work. My second cabinet meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 18 in Chester at the VFW Hall located at 417 W Carolina Ave in Chester. Meal will start at 1pm and the cabinet meeting will start at 2pm. Cost for the meal is \$10 for each non-cabinet attendee. I am asking all attendees to RSVP CST Kim Ebert by November 11 if they plan on attending so she can get the information to the Chester Lions Club. Her email address is kimwvlsf@gmail.com. Zone and program chairs need to get their reports to CST Kim by the same date. Cabinet meeting is open to all Lions regardless of whether you have an initial in front of your name. This is YOUR district and YOUR opinion matters.

Plans are taking shape for both my District Conference in March, but also the WV Lions Leadership Retreat in late January. It will be held January 26-28 at the Days Inn Conference Center in Flatwoods, WV. It will go back to the old format of three days starting with dinner on Friday and ending with lunch on Sunday. As soon as I get the registration information, I will make sure it gets in both the newsletter, Facebook page, and website. Our guest for the weekend will be PID Larry Edwards of Pennsylvania.

Speaking of the newsletter, I have received nothing but positive comments from Lions during my Club visits about it. Kudos Lion Josie Cornish on your hard work. You make my job a lot easier.

November is not only a time we celebrate our Veterans, but we also gather together as families to celebrate Thanksgiving. Please keep in mind your local food banks as this is as very busy time of year for them.

On behalf of Lion Charlotte and my two fur babies Gibbs and Abner, I want to wish each and every Lion in 29L a wonderful Thanksgiving.

My next Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 18 in Chester at the VFW Hall located at 417 West Carolina Ave in Chester, WV. Meal will start at 1pm and the Cabinet meeting will start at 2pm. Please let CST Kim Ebert (kimwvlscf@gmail.com) know if you plan on attending. You need to let her know by Saturday, November 11 so she can get the number to the Chester Lions Club. Zone chairs and program chairs, please get your reports to CST Kim by the same date so she can compile all of them for the cabinet meeting. Hope to see everyone there.

DG Dan Heintzman

Lion Argy Polsinelli has stepped down as District Sight Equipment Chair, but will remain on as Zone 2 Chair. Lion Margaret Stenger of the Warwood Club will take that position over. Since we will have two pieces of SPOT equipment for the district, I will have someone in the southern end of the district assist in that role. I will know more about that after my Council of Governors meeting on October 22.

Jeff Glover has stepped down as District Administrator. That position is now filled by PDG Terry Snyder of the Follansbee Lions Club.

"Proud 2 B A Lion R U?"

DG Dan

<https://lions29l.org/> District website

### **DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S DIARY NOVEMBER 2023**

11/01/2023	D.G. Night	Harrisville
11/03-05/2023	District 29C Conference	Pipestem
11/13/2023	D.G. Night	Warwood
11/16/2023	D.G. Night	Sisterville
11/16/2023	OH7 Zone Meeting	Beverly, Ohio
11/18/2023	Cabinet Meeting	Chester

### **2<sup>ND</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR WILLIAM L. SNYDER**

Reading through Facebook I am amazed at the range of projects that are being realized by Lions throughout our district. Be sure to report your service hours and events/ projects on My Lion. Keep up the good work and drive for the rest of the year. We have eight months to go to make this an unforgettable time in our life.

As you know DG Dan, FVDG Dave and I stand ready to help in any way we can. Feel free to contact any of us.

I have had the opportunity to visit some clubs already and enjoyed each one of them, if you would like me to visit a meeting or event, please drop me a line I will be glad to be at your service.

The next Cabinet meeting is in Chester WV on November 18th at 2pm. I hope to see many of you there, also If you have a zone meeting, please let us know so that one or more of us may attend.

The adventure continues.

Yours in Lionism and service  
2VDG Bill Snyder



## LION TONY VANDENBERG LCIF DISTRICT 29L CO-ORDINATOR



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**



### DAY(S) OF GIVING ... AND THANKS

November is upon us. In the US we celebrate Thanksgiving this month. It's a good opportunity to reflect upon all that we are thankful for. Family, friends, community, and belonging to a great Service organization Lions Clubs International.

Right after Thanksgiving comes Giving Tuesday, November 28, 2023. Let that day be a reminder that we individual Lions can donate to LCIF and be assured that 100% of that donation goes to LCIF grants and programs, and LCIF's global causes.



### Ways to give:

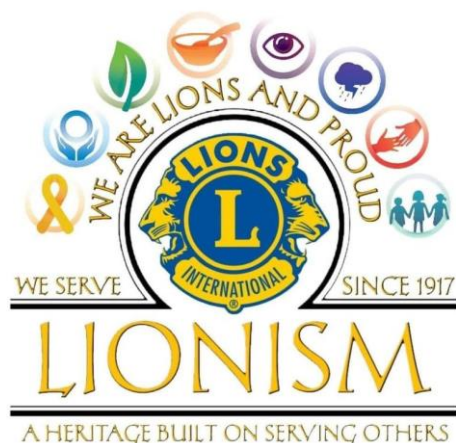
Donate on line at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>

By check, to Lions Clubs International Foundation Department 4547 Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

By check to LCIF, sent to Cabinet Secretary Kim Ebert, 1170 Avalon Road, Fairmont WV 26554

### Kindness Matters

Lion Tony Vandenberg, LCIF District 29-L Coordinator





## YOUTH EXCHANGE REFLECTIONS

### **Erin Frosch**

No words in any language will ever do justice to my trip to Tunisia; it was truly an experience that I will treasure in my heart for the rest of my life. I was immediately immersed into the unique culture from the moment that my first host mother Erin Frosch greeted me at the airport with a kiss on each cheek. Even driving in the car was an adventure, attempting to read the signs flying by us on the side of the road that were written in both Arabic and French. I got to try traditional Tunisian dishes, both street food and meals my family prepared for me such as Brick, Couscous, Fricassee, and the sweet Bambalouni dessert found only in my favorite Tunisian city,

Sidi Bou Said.

It wasn't only these things that made my experience in Tunisia memorable, but also the people which I met along the way. I was extremely lucky in the host families that I stayed with, both welcoming me wholeheartedly into their homes and trying their best to provide me with the best opportunities as they could, taking me to local sites, restaurants, and introducing me to their friends and family members who also welcomed my stay in their home city. These people, who mere weeks ago were strangers, are now my "Tunisian Family" and the memories we made together will live on in my heart forever.

By far, the part of my trip that impacted me most was my time at camp. It is such an incredible thing to spend 6 days with 13 strangers from 8 countries doing once in a lifetime activities. We may not share many common traits in the way we speak or our cultures, but the experiences we shared in this short week were ones that will tie us together for a lifetime. I will always remember exploring Sidi Bou Said with them, playing in the water fountains in the Medina to relieve ourselves from the brutal heat, zip lining among the mountains, our late-night conversations on the roof of our hotel, daring each other to try the spiciest of dishes, and teaching each other card games or words in our native language. In the time since we have said goodbye, I've already received two videos from campers singing along to West Virginia's favorite song "Country Roads" being played wherever they are in the world.

I am so thankful and forever grateful to the West Virginia Lions for being given this opportunity, and hope to participate in more Lions activities in the future.

## BOAZ LIONS CLUB 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2023

Richard E. Kellar Sr., 88, of Williamstown, died Saturday, Sept. 2, 2023, at Marietta Memorial Hospital.

He was born on Oct. 18, 1934, a son of the late Carl and Sylvia Smith Kellar.

Richard was a member of the 36th St. Church of Christ in Vienna and the Boaz Lions Club where he served as Treasurer. He retired from Chevron Chemicals in 1999, with over 40 years of service. Richard was a devoted fan of the Williamstown Yellow Jackets and the West Virginia University Mountaineers.







## CHESTER LIONS CLUB

We celebrated two members' recent birthdays. Happy birthday Ally Hobbs and Bud Miller! Both of their birthdays were on September 26. Wonderful to see Birthdays acknowledged in Lions makes them feel appreciated and noticed.

A fun filled day! Thank you to all who came out and supported us. Love our hometown community



Congratulations Avery! The Lions Club Scholar of the month program is a combined initiative between the New Cumberland, Newell, and Chester Lions Club, with the New Cumberland club leading the effort.

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 THE REVIEW

### Oak Glen High School Lions Club Scholar of the Month

Avery Joanne Hall, 17, daughter of Shawn and Natalie Hall of 309 Third St. Chester, W.Va., has been chosen as Oak Glen High School Lions Club Scholar of the Month for September 2023.



**Avery Joanne Hall**

During Avery's time at Oak Glen High School she has been a part of the 2021 and 2022 Oak Glen softball teams, lettering her freshmen year. She was part of the 2020 and 2021 Oak Glen junior volleyball and girls basketball teams. She has been a part of the Pep Club, Key Club and Culture Club all four years of high school.

Avery was chosen as a sophomore for the Weirton Chamber of Commerce youth leadership program. She was elected class president her freshmen, sophomore and junior years and chosen as Student Council vice president her senior year. She has served on the homecoming court her sophomore, junior and senior years. She has been a member of the prom committee her junior and senior year and elected to the junior prom court in 2023.

Avery is also a member of Oak Glen's Little Theater, appearing in "Miracle on 34th Street," "Mary Poppins," "Annie," "Charlotte's Web," "Dracula," "The Addams Family," and in November she will be starring in "Little Women" as Jo March. She attends Westminster Presbyterian Church and is a part of their youth group. She helps at Allen T. Allison Elementary School for after school parent involvement activities with her mother and gives back to her community by decorating or cleaning up at local establishments during the holiday seasons.

Avery was chosen by The American Legion Post 121 Ladies Auxiliary to represent them at the 2023 Rhododendron Girl's State at Davis and Elkins College in June of 2023.

Next year, Avery plans to continue her education and pursue her love of musical theater.

The Lions Club Program is sponsored by District 29L Region 1, zone 1, Lions Clubs in Chester and New Cumberland and Newell, W.Va.

### Pies for Eyes



#### Pumpkin Pie Sale

*Just in Time for Thanksgiving*

Proceeds benefit  
Chester Lions Club  
Sight Projects



- 12 inch pumpkin pies (these are big pies!)
- Available in time for Thanksgiving
- The pies are \$11 each
- Orders and payment must be received by **Sunday, Nov. 12**
- Pies will be delivered by a Lions Club member after 6:00 PM, Tuesday, November 21

Please contact any Chester Lions Club member to order.

## DODDRIDGE CO LIONS CLUB

The highlight of the October 16th, 2023, Doddridge County Lions Club meeting was a visit by the Lions Club 29L District Governor, Danny Heinzman. Mr. Heinzman outlined his goals for WV District 29L and how they pertained to the Doddridge Co Lions Club. During the meeting, award pins and chevron pins were given out. A wonderful potluck dinner prepared by the members was enjoyed by all that attended.

The Doddridge County Lions Club meets at 6:00pm on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month in the Lions Club building, West Union, WV. Interested in being a Lion and serving the citizens and community of Doddridge County? If so, we hope to see you at our club meeting.

Image - President Lowell McAfee welcomes Lions Club District 29L Governor, Danny Heinzman to the DC Lions Club Meeting.



## ELM GROVE LIONS CLUB

The Elm Grove Lions participated in the Adopt a Highway program on October 7, removing trash from all I-70 entrance and exit ramps as well as along National Road from the Shilling Bridge to the Shepherd Bridge in Elm Grove.



Elm Grove Lions Jody and Gary Miller attended Team Alleghenies' "Night at the Races" on October 7 to support and advocate for the cause of organ donation.

On October 4th and 6th Lion Jody Miller distributed dictionaries from the Elm Grove Club to 105 third grade students at the Elm Grove, Middle Creek, and St. Vincent's schools.

Lion Jody Miller provided instruction and mentoring to a class at the local Citizens Police Academy.





## FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB

Lions,

Here is a link to today's *Times West Virginian* article about our apple sale last Saturday, in case you did not see it in the paper. We have also been busy this week with rail trail cleanup and vision screening. "Reprinted with permission of The Times West Virginian." and just use the reporter's byline and photo credits.

Reporter and photo credit Esteban Fernandez

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FAIRMONT — Despite the weather, the Fairmont Lions Club still did their best to push apples for vision care in the parking lot of the Learning Land Daycare on Fairmont Avenue on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October. The organization regularly holds fundraising events to help pay for their work in community service.

"Well, it's wet and it's a little chilly and we're selling some apples," Bob Moffett, club secretary said. "I hope we do better as the day goes on. It got off to a wet dark start this morning."

Not long after, a red hatchback pulled off of the road and parked next to the apple stand. An older couple emerged and bought one or two bags from the stand. They were on their way to get fruit from a different venue when they saw the sign for the sale on the side of the road.

The apple stand saved them a trip. Before them sat West Virginia's Official State Apple — the Golden Delicious — Granny Smith and Fuji apples were laid out for picking. Granny Smith apples are particularly good for baking pies.

Club treasurer and president Robert Brummage said that the money the club raises goes to help provide people with eyeglasses as well as child eye screenings. They also contribute to Connecting Link through their fundraisers. Connecting Link connects individuals in need to community assistance here in town and the surrounding area.

Brummage said that the Lions Club is the largest service organization in the world.

"We were called by Helen Keller to be knights for the blind," Brummage said. "So, we help with vision problems and we are in all the states and several countries around the world. It's a service organization and our motto is, 'we serve.'"

The apples themselves came from Spring Valley Farms in Romney. Brummage said that the orchard supports people that do fundraisers. Thanks to a program that the orchard does, the club is able to get a little help with the pricing of the apples.

Events like this give the community the ability to perform a degree of self-care.

“The government does some things, but the government doesn’t do everything,” Moffett said. “We have people in our community that need some help. And if we can help some people in the community, that’s what we’re about. We’re not doctors. We’re not the optometrists. But we can do a vision screening and detect if a child needs to be referred to one.”

Although the local club is limited in scope, the statewide one has more flexibility. Moffett said it has collaborated in the past to help residents who needs cataract surgery, which is important. He said a similar opportunity exists for hearing needs as well.

The club’s newest member also had news of his own. He was one of the lions helping with the event. Fred Cannon, who transferred here from a club in Virginia, brought an e-waste recycling program to the Fairmont Lions which kicked off on Thursday. The program takes used electronics, such as printers, laptops, tablets and cell phones and trades them to a recycling business for cash. The cash is used to fund club community service projects.

“Our clubs down there have embraced it and it’s worked out great,” Cannon said. “It’s helped them raise money. We’re taking people’s trash instead of begging for money.”

The club is always looking for new members to join and help it fulfill its mission. More information on the club’s activities can be found at [Fairmontlions.org](http://Fairmontlions.org). Anyone interested in learning more about the recycling program can email Cannon at [Sarasdad2000@yahoo.com](mailto:Sarasdad2000@yahoo.com).

### [FOLLANSBEE LIONS CLUB](#)

Thanks to everyone who took chances on Follansbee Lions Raffle at Christmas in the Park. Lion Susan Nolan from the Brilliant Lions won the Tree of Gift Cards worth \$220. Raquel Bednar of Steubenville won the \$100 Fall Basket. Handed out lots of applications – hope to get some new members.



Blood Drive at Follansbee community house.

### [FRIENDLY LIONS CLUB](#)

Thank you, Lion Dave Shelton, for asking us to do the Health Fair. We were unable to screen anybody due to too much daylight as the machine can be used much better indoors. But we were able to show the equipment off and got a couple of people interested in possibly joining the Lions

The Sistersville Ministerial Association’s Food Pantry needs: Pancake Syrup, Jelly, Broth - Beef and Chicken,

Tuna Helper, canned Carrots and Beets.

Friendly Trick or Treat is October 31 from Tuesday, 5-7pm



## FRIENDLY AND PADEN CITY LIONS CLUBS

Paden City Haunted Trail with both the Friendly and Paden City Lions Club.



## FRIENDLY AND PLEASANTS AREA LIONS CLUBS



St. Marys 46 Tyler Consolidated 12. Blue Devils win annual Bill Hanlin PRIDE Trophy sponsored by the Friendly and Pleasants Area Lions Clubs.

## MOUNDSVILLE LIONS CLUB



Thank you Tom & Moundville Perkins for hosting a Dine to Donate Program for the [Moundville WV Lions Club](#) Vision Program. Thank you to all those that guest and members that attended. Special thanks to Gene Lough, Rosalyn Rhodes and Scott Reager for volunteering at Lions Club Table.

Marshall County Chamber of Commerce  
13 October at 01:

The Marshall County Chamber of Commerce has announced the theme for this year's Christmas parade is "The Sounds of Christmas Come to Moundville."

The winning entry was submitted by McNinch Primary kindergartener Allie Doty. She won a \$100 cash prize, and the Chamber will give Allie's classmates a pizza party in her honor. She will also be recognized by being in the parade on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at 2:00 pm in Moundville. Allie is pictured holding the certificate and a bundle of 100, one dollar bills she earned by winning the Chamber's parade theme contest. Also pictured from left: Chamber Executive Director Scott Reager Chamber Board President David Robbins.

Parade applications are available online at [www.marshallcountychamber.com](http://www.marshallcountychamber.com) or contact chamber 304.845.2773.

## MT. OLIVET LIONS CLUB

Mark your calendars! The Mt. Olivet Lions Club in cooperation with VFW Post 4442 and The Moundsville Honor Guard will be celebrating our Veterans with a great program on Sunday, November 5th. Our speaker will be Michael Hummel and there will be light refreshments for everyone.

Please come out to the Mount Olivet Methodist Church to honor YOUR favorite Veteran.

## NEW CUMBERLAND LIONS CLUB



President Pam Stiles introduced guests District Governor Dan Heintzman and his wife, Lion Charlotte Heintzman. DG Dan Heintzman addressed the Club and one of the causes DG Dan Heintzman is championing this year is Beacon Lodge. It is a camp in Pennsylvania catered to all ages and disabilities. It is sponsored by the Lions of Pennsylvania.



Members of the New Cumberland Lions Club walked on Saturday to raise money for the WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation.



Christmas parade December 9th parade begins at 5pm.



## NEW MARTINSVILLE LIONS CLUB



D.G. Dan was so proud of the New Martinsville Lions Club. They really want to get rolling again after a rough couple of years. They were really interested in the suggestions that both myself and my Zone Chair gave them. Kudos New Martinsville Lions Club and I am committed to doing whatever I can to help.

## NEWELL LIONS CLUB

October 20<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry Friday we supplied eat in or carry out. Also, delivery supplied. All Proceeds used to help in the community.

We have hall rentals, Sight Projects and Broom and Mop Sales.

We also have a variety of candy bars for sale.

Sad that our helmet was taken off our scarecrow decoration.



## OHIO COUNTY VIRTUAL LIONS CLUB



Trunk or treat at Warwood School!



## PARKERSBURG LIONS CLUB



Attended the Zone Meeting.

Laura Jordan of Zone 3 shows her Halloween Pies we had at our Zone Meeting. Thanks Laura!!!!

MadMax and I attended the Washington Lions Club pancake breakfast Saturday morning in honor of the West Virginia 781st Air Force JROTC. The Cadets, who work as servers, insisted on a picture, so here it is. The Washington Lions Club will host four more pancake breakfasts in support of programs at Parkersburg South. Next month the girls basketball team will be on hand followed, on a monthly basis, by Choir, volleyball and swimming.



Brandon Gress, Wood County Society Executive Director spoke to us about all the programs offered in our community.



## RAVENSWOOD LIONS CLUB



Thank you, Tim from WVU JGH for visiting our Club.



Your Newsletter Editor Josie Cornish's visit to The Washington Lions Club West Virginia. 2015. I

remember it like it was yesterday.

## [WELLSBURG LIONS CLUB](#)



Wellsburg Lions Club Meeting. D.G. Dan thanks you all for allowing him to visit with you. He is looking forward to seeing you in February.

## [WHEELING LIONS CLUB](#)

Officer John Lawrence, who has been with the Salvation Army since 1990, visited the Wheeling Lions Club. He thanked us for serving as Bell Ringers during the Christmas season and reminded us they have a variety of programs for women, men and children that the kettle drive supports, including meals, gift cards for food, the Angle Tree program, summer camps, Bible studies, and more. Stop by Kroger on December 16th between 10am-6pm to help us raise funds for



their programs. They also have different levels of sponsorships. If you or your company is interested, please contact Officer John Lawrence at (304) 233-4400.

Christmas kids' registration begins tomorrow and with registration beginning we will also need sponsors. If you would like to sponsor a Christmas kid this year sign up in the link in the comments.

Please help us welcome our newest member, Phillip Carl.



We know how beautiful our new children's hospital is, but now we have the ability to help prove it. We're in contention for a prestigious American Institute of Architects award (AIA). The award is determined by popular vote, so please support WVU Medicine Children's and vote for us using the link below.

<https://bit.ly/3Pv0WLy>



Happy Birthday, WVU Medicine Children's Hospital! 🎉

What an incredible year it's been! We are so thankful to have a community who has supported us along this journey. Thank you to every employee, volunteer, and community member who made this year possible.

There is no greater job than caring for our children, we are so grateful to have this amazing facility that allows us to give the best possible care available.

We cannot wait to see what great things the future has in store for us.



## WEIRTON LIONS CLUB

Trunk or Treat



Wine Tasting





11/03/2023 - 11/05/2023	District 29C Conference	Pipestem
11/18/2023	District 29L Cabinet Meeting – Chester VFW - 2.00 p.m.	Chester
01/20/2024	District 29L Council of Governors' Meeting – 1.00 p.m.	Beckley Glade Spring Resort.
01/20/2024	MD 29 Past District Governors' Meeting 2.00 p.m.	Beckley Glade Spring Resort
01/26/2024 - 01/28/2024	WV Lions Leadership Retreat – Days Conference Centre	Flatwoods
02/04/2024	District 29L Cabinet Meeting – 2.00 p.m.	Zoom
03/16/2024	District 29L Conference – Grand Pointe Conference Centre - 10:00 a.m. starting with Cabinet Meeting	Vienna
04/26/2024 – 04/28/ 2024	WV Lions Convention	Glade Springs Resort



Newsletter Editor Josie Cornish on my first visit to the Friendly Lions Club. This was an Interclub Visit I made with D.G. Dan. Loved that visit and met so many lovely Lions.



Wheeling – Warward	79 Years	11/08/1944
Waverley	72 Years	11/12/1951
South Parkersburg	82 Years	11/08/1941

[Beckley VAMC requesting birthday cards for local veteran turning 100 on December 9](#)

**Beckley, WV (WOAY) – Beckley Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center requests birthday cards for a local veteran turning 100 years old on December 9.**

**Aubrey Allen is a World War 2 veteran who served in the U.S. Air Corps and Army from 1942 to 1946.**

**Following his service, Mr. Allen worked as a well-accomplished plumber and carpenter.**

**He currently lives in the home he built with his wife Sylvia in Fayette County, enjoying doing puzzles and entertaining visitors.**

**Mr. Allen is excited for his 100th birthday, and his home-based primary care team is ecstatic for the opportunity to celebrate with him.**

**Make cards out to:**

**PAO Sara Yoke  
200 Veterans Avenue  
Beckley, WV 25801**

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A woman awakes during the night to find that her husband is not in bed. She puts on her robe and goes downstairs to look for him. She finds him sitting at the kitchen table with a hot cup of coffee in front of him. He appears to be in deep thought, just staring at the wall. She watches as he wipes a tear from his eye and takes a sip of his coffee.

'What's the matter, dear' she whispers as she steps into the room, 'Why are you down here at this time of night

The husband looks up from his coffee, 'It's the 20th Anniversary of the day we met'.

She can't believe he has remembered and starts to tear up.

The husband continues, 'Do you remember 20 years ago when we started dating, I was 18 and you were only 16,' he says solemnly.

Once again, the wife is touched to tears. 'Yes, I do' she replies.

The husband pauses the words were not coming easily.

'Do you remember when your father caught us in the back seat of my car'

'Yes, I remember' said the wife, lowering herself into the chair beside him.

The husband continued. 'Do you remember when he shoved the shotgun in my face and said, "Either you marry my daughter or I will send you to prison for 20 years' remember that, too' she replied softly. He wiped another tear from his cheek and said "I would have gotten out today."





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**UPDATE FROM D.G. DAN**

Our guest for my District 29L conference in March is PID Justin Faber from Michigan. Justin Faber Past International Director from Deckerville, Michigan USA was elected to serve as International Director of Lions Clubs International at the Association's 102<sup>nd</sup> International Convention, held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019. He became a Lion in 2001 after joining the Ugly Lions Club. PID was instrumental in changing his Club from an all-male Club to a diverse Club that is the pillar of the District today. He has held a number of offices within the Association including MD GST Chairperson, MD Governmental Liaison Committee Chairperson and Council Chairperson. As the Council Chairperson he navigated the Political scene in the state of Michigan to revise an age-old law that abruptly disallowed Lions from collecting monies in the Streets. This small act allows Lions to raise over

million dollars annually in the state. PID Faber was a presenter at the USA/Canada Leadership Forum as well as the Michigan Forum.



The Door Is Open...

Join  
The Lions Club



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## SILENT AUCTION

We will be having a Silent Auction at the upcoming Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat to be held on January 26-28, 2024 at Days Inn, Flatwoods, WV.

To make this happen we are asking the assistance of EVERY club attending. If each club would donate one item, there will be a great variety to bid on when you come to the Leadership Retreat.

Possible ideas would be:

- Handmade craft items
- Special piece of glassware
- Specialty or theme baskets
- Gift certificates or packages
- Golf items
- Bottles or baskets of wine
- Seasonal decorations
- WVU or Marshall Items
- Lions' items
- Food baskets
- Wreaths
- Jewellery

It is hoped the items donated would be enticing enough that YOU will be willing to consider bidding.

Proceeds from the auction will be used to help defray the costs of the Leadership Retreat so that everyone in the Multiple Districts will consider attending. This is a time to gather and grow as leaders, as well as enjoy the fellowship of Lion friends from around the multiple district and neighboring states.

We hope you will consider this request. Please complete the form below and send it to Lion Paula Shahan ( paulashahan@aol.com ) and let her know what type of item you or your club will donate. We look forward to hearing from you.

ITEM BEING DONATED \_\_\_\_\_

SUGGESTED STARTING BID \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you in advance for your participation and support!!

Lion Paula Shahan (304-629-5091)

## Virginia Leadership Retreat

### The Days Inn in Flatwoods

January 26-27-28 , 2024. Yea, that right 3 Days. We will be going back to when the school was created with three whole days of top-notch speakers, super presenters with great topics.

Our key note speaker will be PID Larry Edwards from Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Did I mention FOOD, yes Friday dinner, Saturday lunch & dinner, and Sunday lunch. WOW!!

All 3 days just \$105.00 or Saturday \$75.00

Breakfast is free when you are lodging at the Day's Inn

What about the seminars, there will be 12 different and informative topics like;

- Basic Roles & Responsibilities of the Big 4
- Promoting the Image of Lionism
- Diversity and Generation Difference
- Effective Public Speaking
- Strategic Planning and Developing SMART Goals
- Leadership Fundamentals
- The Roles & Responsibilities of Being a Zone Chairperson
- Developing Effective Teams
- Presentation Preparation
- Conflict Resolution
- The Vidal Roles of the District Governor and Resources Available for Support
- Orientation from a Different Perspective: Focusing on the Member's Needs

Room Rates:

- Kings \$110.00 + taxes per night
- Double Queen \$102.00 + taxes per night
- Suites \$150.00 + taxes per night

So set your sites and your calendar on coming to the Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat "BE INSPIRED"

YIL,

PCC Ken Shahan

LWVLR Chair





### HOW CAN A TRADITIONAL CLUB USE BRANCHES TO GROW?

Let's start by dispelling some myths about Club Branches

1. It is a Club Branch, not a Branch Club, since it is not a club but a branch in your club
2. A Club Branch is not required to ultimately charter as a club
3. Club Branch Lions are full members of your club
4. A club can have as many branches as it desires and can support
5. Opening a Club Branch/es within your club can be used to increase your service and grow your club membership
6. Branches may set their own club dues
7. Branches will elect their own officers, and may set their own meeting times and places, choose their own service projects, raise, manage and spend their own funds, and essentially operate independently, under the supervision of the Board of the parent club. This allows your club to reach out to people who may not have wanted to join your club, but will join the branch

Consider opening a branch to attract new Lions to your club today.



# LIONS OF WEST VIRGINIA LEADERSHIP RETREAT

***“BE INSPIRED”***

January 26-28, 2024

Flatwoods Days Inn & Suites and Conference Center

Registration Deadline: January 13, 2024

Registration Fee:

\$105.00 Friday, Saturday, Sunday – Four banquet meals, seminars & materials

75.00 Saturday only – Two banquet meals, seminars & materials

Rooms: - Contact Days Inn at 866-700-7284 (Tell them you are with the Lions Club)

Rate: \$102.00 Double Queen (up to 4 guests in a room) King \$110.00

Deadline to Reserve: 1/13/2024

Breakfast is included for individuals staying at the hotel.

Retreat activities include: Seminars to improve your Lions experience, motivational speakers, informational displays, Lions merchandise, Silent Auction, hospitality room, door prizes, great meals, and plenty of fun and fellowship. Information on specific seminars will be provided in District newsletters, a brochure, and website: <http://wvlions.org/LeadershipSchool/home.html>

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: Fri, Sat, Sun \$105 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Only \$75 \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat or LWVLR and send with form to:

PCC Ken Shahan, 1641 Adams Avenue, Clarksburg, WV 26301

Contact:

PCC Ken Shahan for more information at [kenshahan@aol.com](mailto:kenshahan@aol.com) or 304-669-1641.



**“LEADERSHIP and LEARNING are INDISPENSABLE to each other”**

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# Money of Australia



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PARLIAMENT HOUSE



A.B. (BANJO) PATERSON (1864-1941)

Poet, ballad writer, journalist and horseman, "Banjo" Paterson was a popular figure who wrote many famous poems and ballads, such as "Waltzing Matilda" and "The Man from Snowy River".

Ten Dollars  
\$10



DAME MARY GILMORE (1865-1962)

Poet, patriot and tireless campaigner against injustice, Mary Gilmore campaigned for a wide range of social and economic reforms, such as the women's vote, old age and invalid pensions, child endowment, the relief of the poor and the just treatment of Aborigines.



MARY REIBEY (1777-1866)

Mary Reibey arrived in Sydney in 1792 as a convict, raised seven children, and went on to become a wealthy and successful business woman. She also gained wide respect for her numerous charity works and interest in the church and education.

Twenty Dollars  
\$20



REVEREND JOHN FLYNN (1880-1961)

Known as "Flyn of the Island", John Flynn pioneered the world's first aerial medical service, now known as the Royal Flying Doctor Service, using the post wireless communication service. A kind and humble man, Flynn enhanced the quality of life in distant communities by reducing isolation and loneliness.



DAVID UNAIPON (1873-1967)

Writer, public speaker and inventor. He was our first published Aboriginal writer. In 1909 he patented an improved fastener for the shearing of sheep. He spoke of the need for "sympathetic co-operation" between whites and blacks, and for equal rights for both black and white Australians.

Fifty Dollars  
\$50



EDITH COWAN (1861-1932)

Social worker, politician and feminist. Edith Cowan is best remembered as the first woman member of an Australian Parliament. She was involved in many voluntary organisations, including the Red Cross, and worked towards important reforms for women, children and migrants.



DAME NELLIE MELBA (1861-1931)

World renowned soprano. Dame Nellie Melba was regarded as one of the most accomplished and famous sopranos of her time. She gave frequent fund-raising concerts during World War II and was known for her charity and generosity. In May 1927 she sang the national anthem at the opening of Parliament House in Canberra.

Hundred Dollars  
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SIR JOHN MONASH (1869-1937)

Soldier, engineer and administrator. Sir John Monash was acknowledged for his outstanding leadership qualities in both military and civilian life. He was knighted and recognised as one of the outstanding heroes of the Australian Imperial Force. After the war he led the State Electricity Commission of Victoria. Monash University in Melbourne was named after him in 1958.

The money of Australia is of different sizes to assist the visually impaired to know what coin or note they are holding. It is known as plastic money as it has that feel and if washed in the washing machine it still retains its' shape. Because of its' special features it is hard to forge. The coins and one not with the Queen's head on will be changed to King Charles in time.

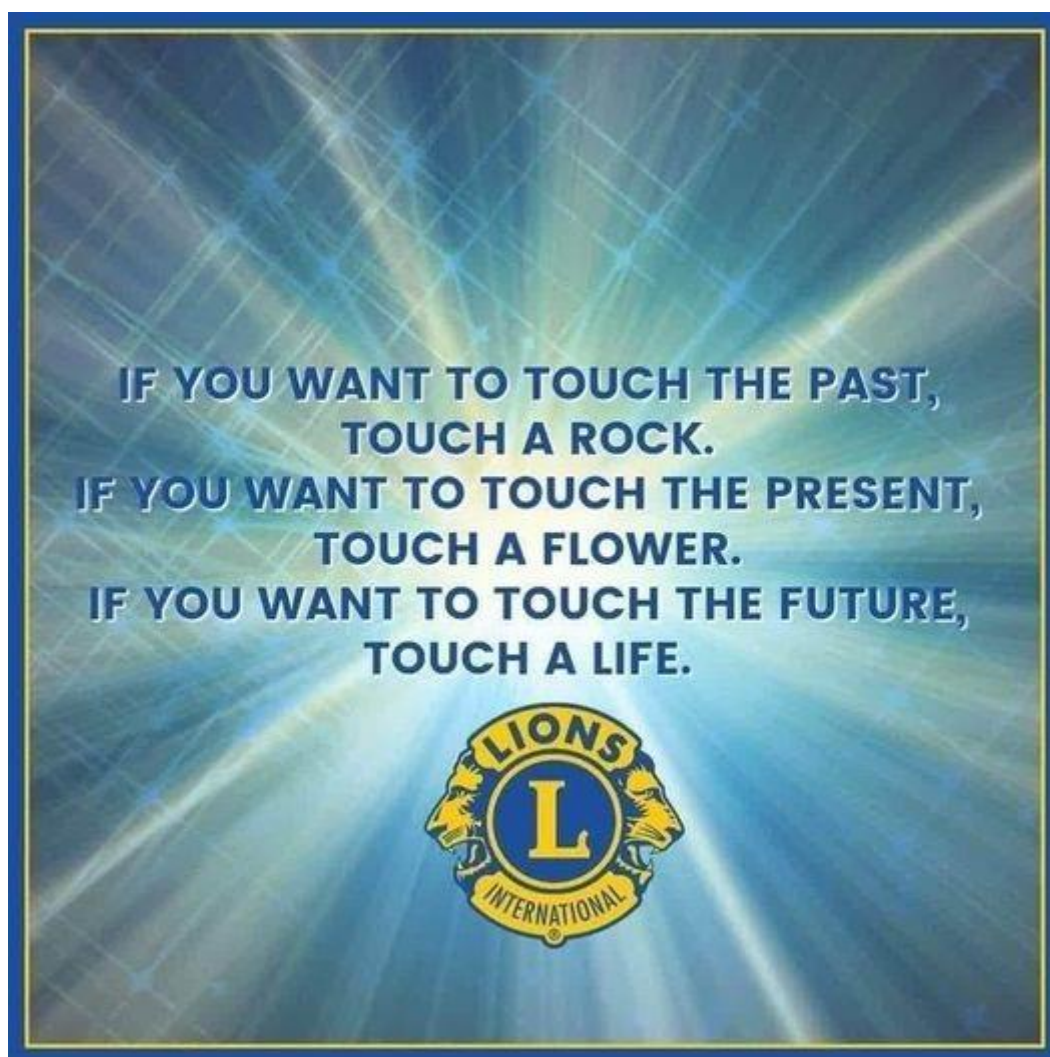
Lions Clubs have a very important tool they can use to get their message out to their community.

Facebook is popular.

Some Clubs have Facebook Pages and have not used them for years, others don't have them at all.

Why not use Facebook as much as you can to let your community know that you are always busy working in your community for the benefit of the community.

Have you got any recent success stories to share about your Club or your District? It is always beneficial to exchange new ideas and best practices



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