

MD 29 L Newsletter

September 2022



Message from DG Jay Houser

First Things First



A wise person once said if you don't have a target, you will miss every time. In my first article as District Governor, I listed and clearly defined my district goals or target for 2022-23. As Lions and leaders, we need goals that are realistic, attainable and quantifiable otherwise were just shooting in the dark. So, with that being said, here, dear reader is my question for you:

Do you know the 29L goals?

Do you know your zone's goals?

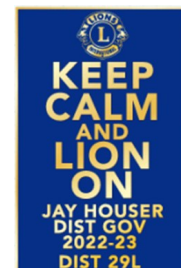
Do you know your club's goals?

If you answered "yes", great! You have a target to shoot for. If your answer is "no" well, you are shooting in the dark. If your club or zone has not set goals, call me and I will share my goals with you and you can make them your own. A wonderful document that helped me out as a new club president was "Blueprint for a Stronger Club" that can be found online. It walks you through how to develop goals and much more. Communicating your club or zone's goals to your club members ensures better success in achieving your goals. Get some goals and create an action plan for attaining those goals and you'll be set on a course for success.

Thanks for all you do,

DG Jay Houser

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DG Jay's Calendar

September

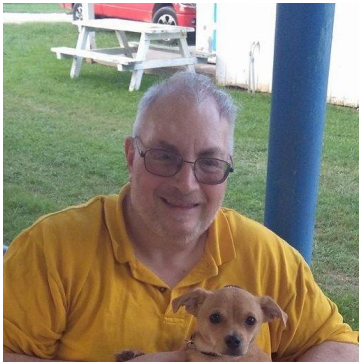
12th Grantsville DG night
15th Fairmont DG night

December

5th Wheeling Island DG night

October

6th Mount Olivet DG night
11th New Cumberland DG night
17th Doddridge County DG night
18th Weirton DG night
20th Friendly DG night
24th Saint Mary's DG night
28th-30th District I Conference Berkely Springs



Message from 1st VDG Dan Heintzman

Happy September fellow 29L Lions. As we begin another Autumn season with footballs and leaves flying, my thoughts return to an event on January 2, 2008. As his WVU Mountaineers were preparing for their Fiesta Bowl matchup with Oklahoma, then WVU interim football coach Bill Stewart challenged his team to "Leave no doubt." He spoke "Leave no doubt tonight. Leave no doubt tonight. No doubt. They shouldn't have played the Old Gold and Blue. NOT THIS NIGHT!!!!!" WVU went on to spank OU 48-28. My challenge to all Clubs and Lions in 29L is that very same "leave no doubt" idea. I challenge all Clubs to "leave no doubt" in the service projects you provide your respective communities. "Leave no doubt" on the fundraising activities you provide. "Leave no doubt" with the impact you leave on your communities. How that is done is up to each Lion in each Club. If I can help any Club "leave no doubt," contact me and I will do whatever I can do to do just that.

1st VDG Dan

Leadership PDG Bernice Pitcock



CLUB QUALITY INITIATIVE

District 29L will be hosting (via Zoom) a Club Quality Initiative Workshop on Thursday November 3rd and Thursday November 10th, 2022 from 6:30p-8pm.

The Initiative is designed to lead you (as a Lions club leader) and your fellow club members through a number of steps to discover new ways to improve the way in which your club operates. We will identify areas where improvement may be needed and take measured steps to accomplish the goals we set. The process involves the following steps:

- Rejuvenate your club with new members
- Revitalize your club with new service opportunities
- Excel in leadership development and club operations
- Share your club's accomplishments with your community

Going thru this process will enable you to grow membership within your club. Specific club assessments in each of the above areas will assist you in determining the need for change; set SMART goals; develop plans and in the end, implement and sustain change.

I am challenging you to encourage your current and future club officers and interested members to take some time out to attend the workshop and then BE THE CHANGE!

You will need to attend both sessions.

Contact me at bpit@comcast.net to reserve a spot!!



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Greetings fellow Lions!

The **Lesage Lions Club** is turning **50 years old**, and the **Huntington Downtown Lions** is now **100** ! That calls for a paw-ty!

You and your members are invited to celebrate with us from **6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, September 17 at Fratelli's Italian Restaurant in Barboursville.**

Cost is \$35 per person, and you may send checks to Lion Karen Hall-Dundas, PO Box 169, Lesage WV 25537, or you may pay the night of the event. Deadline for reservations is Saturday, September 10. Please reply to this email with your intentions so we can have a headcount for the restaurant. Menu is Tuscan Herbed Chicken, salad, beverage and cake. What's a birthday party without cake, right?

Please come celebrate these milestones of West Virginia Lionism with us!

Yours in service,
Lion Lee Ann Welch
lwelch@hdmediallc.com

Diabetes Awareness # 48

Diabetes Chair: Lion Mary Kay Wensyel



Diabetes Awareness #49

Living with Type 2 Diabetes can bring out a range of emotions.

7 tips to keep a positive mindset and continue moving forward

1. Feeling burnt out, that's okay

Anger, sadness, denial, and anxiety are common emotions that people initially diagnosed with type 2 diabetes may feel. Take 30 seconds to quiet your mind and pay attention to your breathing.

2. Take a step toward managing stress

Exercise is not only good for you physically, it's good for you mentally, too. Even take a short stroll around your neighborhood can help.

3. Talk through your feelings

Let people know what's getting you down. Calling or texting a friend who understands you can help lower stress or anxiety.

to be continues next month

Membership PDG Gary Pitcock



It's September already and we need to shore up our clubs. MEMBERSHIP

is everyone's responsibility. If you want your club and the future of Lionism to grow you must: (1) get new members in your club and (2) help create new Lions clubs – be it a Branch Club, Specialty Club or regular one – and don't forget the Leo's. We have lost so many clubs over the past few years, as well as, Lions and this can't keep happening.

I have said, so much in the past, WE are here to help our communities and fellow citizens. Let's pool all our knowledge, experiences and unique ideas together and start working toward a stronger District. No personal agendas, no personal accolades – just plain old perseverance and hard work to attract new members. Please email, text or call me for help.

(gary.pitcock1@comcast.net) or 304-670-7926.



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

LCIF Chairperson Lion Tony Vandenberg

LCIF is there to help in cases of disaster, anywhere. West Virginia Lions District 29-C has been awarded an Emergency Grant of \$10,000 to respond to the recent flooding in Kanawha, Fayette, Boone, and Mingo Counties!

We can help with International President Brian Sheehan's Theme "Together We Can; We Live, We Give, We Serve as One". Some ways individual Lions can donate:

The "Lion On" LCIF Fun(d)raiser is a simple way to make a donation to LCIF, and show our Team effort as Lions with a 29-L t-shirt. See the donation form elsewhere in this newsletter.

By check to LCIF, mailed to Cabinet Secretary Bill Syphers.

Donate by credit card Donate button on the LCI website <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en>.

Through Amazon Smile, <http://smile.amazon.com/> you can designate a LCIF to receive 0.5% of eligible purchases from Amazon. Search for "LCIF" at Change Charity.

If you have a questions about LCIF, I will provide or seek answers.

Lion Tony Vandenberg, LCIF Chair, 29-L, email: ajv26170@yahoo.com



Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer PDG Bill Syphers and PDG Gary Pitcock are planning a trip to **Roanoke VA to the Eyeglass Recycling Center to deliver District used eyeglasses.**

Please let Lion Bill or Lion Gary know how many boxes of glasses you have so that it can be determined what size truck or trailer we will need. We also need to decide a time and place to meet Lions for pickup while we are on our way.

Please contact one of us ASAP. We are planning for later in September. We would appreciate your cooperation.

PDG Bill Syphers: billsyphers@comcast.net or 304-233-0199

PDG Gary Pitcock: gary.pitcock1@comcast.net or 304-670-7926





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

District Use

Received _____

Order ID # _____

2022 FREE Health Fair

Sponsored by

Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church
and
Mt. Olivet Lions Club



September 24, 2022 8 am – 12 noon

Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church
162 Fairmont Pike Road, Mt. Olivet

Screenings and assessments include:



Hawkins Hearing
Dietician
Helping Heroes
RISE Coalition - YSS
Cognitive Testing
Mt. Olivet VFD - Blood pressure
screening
WVU Medicine
Adrian Moses, First Settlement
Physical Therapy

Vision screening for both
kids & adults
Skin Cancer screening
Blood pressure screening
Marshall County Health Dept -
dental information
Northwood Health Systems
NAMI of Greater Wheeling
Alzheimer's information

REFRESHMENTS

- AND HOURLY DOOR PRIZES!!



Lion President Dorothy Hawkes from New Cumberland

shared, “One of the reasons that I like a printed copy of the newsletter is because I carry it in my purse and pull it out to read in doctors’ offices. Every time I do this, someone always asks me what I’m reading (especially the magazine). When I tell them, and what is in the magazine, a lot of times they ask to see the magazine. One time the person asked me if there was a Lions Club in their area that they might like to join. So, maybe I got a new member, even though it’s not in my club. So Lions, carry that magazine in with you if you are going to be sitting in a doctor’s office watching everyone else play on their phones.”



<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-approach/youth/peace-poster>

[lionsclubs.org/peaceposter](https://www.lionsclubs.org/peaceposter)

#peaceposter



Lions Club Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner

The **Pleasants Area Lions Club** invited our local law enforcement agencies to a dinner on August 22, in appreciation for all they do for our community. We all can do much to serve our communities, especially when we work together as a Team. Lions International President Brian Sheehan encourages us share Joy as we serve, support our international service projects, think big as we serve, and be local advocates. The dinner is a way do all these. Pictured are some of the attendees.

990-N Non-Profit Tax Filing

July 1st - November 15th

It is very important that all tax-exempt organizations complete their annual tax filings with the IRS in a timely manner. If your organization's exemption status is automatically revoked by the IRS it will be necessary to apply for reinstatement. Such a process can be very time consuming and expensive in terms of both accounting and legal fees as a new Form 1023 [must be filed](#) with the applicable application fee.

If you need assistance, please contact PDG Ramona Sago @ 304-662-6265 or rsago1959@gmail.com.

**District 29 L at
Leadership Retreat
2 Presenters
8 Moderators
12 Clubs
30 Lions
3 Service Projects**



LWVLR Presenters

PID Gwen White is whiteink1@earthlink.net

DG Daniel Elkins is delkins@bellevuecc.org

Luncheon Speaker Brad is brad@fordfuneralhomes.com

PDG Bernice Pitcock is bpit@comcast.net

Lion Eli Hughes is ehughesw@yahoo.com

Lion Matt Rafa is Matthewrafa@gmail.com





Club Health Assessment for District 29 L through July 2022

Club Number	Club Name	Charter Date	Status		Membership					Reports				Finance		Donations for current Fiscal Year						
			Number of times on status quo within last two years	If below 15 members appears	Current Member Count	YTD Members Added	YTD Members Dropped	Net Growth	YTD Net Growth %	If net loss is greater than 20% appears	Member Count 12 of service	Avg. length of service	Months Since Last MMR ***	Yr. Since Last Officer Report	When more than one year repeat appears in terms		Number of repeat terms	President Reported	Vice President Reported	Notes if no report officers that 12 months do not have appears in an active	Months Since Last Activity Report ***	Account Balance
Clubs more than two years old																						
10988	BARBOURSVILLE	12/18/1942	Active	40	0	0	0	0	0.00%	55	1	None										
10877	BARBAROVILLE	12/10/1957	Active	11	0	0	0	0	0.00%	11	1	7										
10878	BOAZ	03/11/1971	Active	11	0	0	0	0	0.00%	10	0	4										
10880	CHESTER	09/18/1947	Active	36	1	0	1	2.86%	35	0	0	None										
10881	CLAY BATTELLE DISTRICT L C	03/15/1969	Active	6	0	0	0	0.00%	6	2	1	None										
35997	DALLAS	08/14/1978	Active	18	1	0	1	5.88%	18	1	1	None										
10883	DODDRIDGE COUNTY L C	03/25/1968	Active	41	0	0	0	0.00%	39	0	0	R										
10886	ELM GROVE	10/25/1943	Active	19	0	0	0	0.00%	22	1	2	N										
10887	FAIRMONT	04/20/1923	Active	17	0	0	0	0.00%	19	0	0	2	R									
10891	FOLLANSBEE	01/10/1940	Active(1)	11	0	0	0	0.00%	13	0	0	2										
10892	FRIENDLY	09/03/1959	Active	24	0	0	0	0.00%	29	0	0	2	N									
Exc Award (06/30/2017, 06/30/2018, 06/30/20)																						
10894	GLENVILLE	09/30/1957	Active	34	0	0	0	0.00%	30	0	0	2	R									
10896	GRANTSVILLE	05/14/1947	Active	21	0	1	-1	-4.55%	23	5	0	N										
10898	HARRISVILLE	05/28/1930	Active	14	0	0	0	0.00%	20	0	0	4										
11019	HUNTINGTON DOWNTOWN	03/05/1922	Active	5	0	0	0	0.00%	5	1	1	6										
11024	LESAGE	08/07/1972	Active	32	0	0	0	0.00%	30	1	1	None										
31251	LIBERTY	10/03/1975	Active	29	0	0	0	0.00%	33	0	0	5	R									
11029	MILTON	01/15/1930	Active	17	0	0	0	0.00%	16	1	1	2	R									
10907	MORGANTOWN	05/11/1923	Active	17	0	0	0	0.00%	18	1	1	4	N									
10908	MOUNDSVILLE	09/11/1941	Active	48	0	0	0	0.00%	49	1	1	N										
29361	Mt OLIVET	05/29/1974	Active	25	1	0	1	4.17%	21	0	0	N										
Exc Award (06/30/2017, 06/30/2018, 06/30/20)																						
10910	NEIW CUMBERLAND	04/09/1946	Active	44	0	0	0	0.00%	48	0	0	ip										



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				Current Member Count	YTD Added	YTD Dropped	YTD Net Growth	YTD Net Loss	Member Count 12 Months Ago	Member Avg. length of service	Monthly Since Last MMR ***	Yrs. Since Last Officer Report	When Last Report			Number of President Rotation Reported ****	Vice President Reported ****
10912	NEW MARTINSVILLE	01/30/1946	Active	16	0	0	0	0.00%	18	1	1	None	0				
Etc Award (06/30/2018)																	
10911	NEWELL	12/06/1946	Active	17	0	0	0	0.00%	23	1	1	3	R	sc	1		
140734	Ohio County Virtual	01/29/2020	Active	47	2	0	2	4.44%	65	0	0		N		0		
Etc Award (06/30/2021)																	
10914	PARKERSBURG	02/24/1922	Active	29	0	0	0	0.00%	29	1	1		N		1		
44959	PINE GROVE SHORTLINE	05/13/1985	Active	12	0	0	0	0.00%	15	1	1		R	P.M.sc	1		
101913	PLEASANTS AREA	05/21/2008	Active	16	0	0	0	0.00%	19	0	0	5	R	sc	0		
Etc Award (06/30/2018, 06/30/2019)																	
62401	POINT PLEASANT	10/01/1999	Active	7	0	0	0	0.00%	7	1	1	None		P.S.T.M.VP sc	1		
11036	RAVENSWOOD	10/29/1929	Active	18	0	0	0	0.00%	18	1	1	5	R	M.sc	1		
10918	REVESVILLE	09/28/1942	Active(1)	4	0	0	0	0.00%	4	2	1	None		P.S.T.M.VP sc	1		
43617	SCOTT DEPOT SCOTT TEAMS	03/05/1984	Active	23	2	1	1	4.55%	21	0	0	2	R	VP.sc	1		
10919	SISTERSVILLE	06/27/1947	Active	17	0	0	0	0.00%	16	0	0	4	R	M	1		
Etc Award (06/30/2017)																	
10921	SOUTH PARKERSBURG	11/18/1941	Active	10	0	0	0	0.00%	8	0	0	9	R	T.M.VP.sc	1		
11020	SOUTHEAST HUNTINGTON	01/25/1955	Active	26	3	0	3	13.04%	19	0	0	2	R	T.M.VP.sc	1		
11043	SPENCER	04/19/1928	Active	10	0	0	0	0.00%	10	4	1	None		P.S.T.M.VP sc	N/R		
10926	VIENNA	10/24/1941	Active	2	0	0	0	0.00%	10	3	3	8	R	P.VP.sc	4		
Etc Award (06/30/2016, 06/30/2018)																	
10928	WASHINGTON	03/19/1964	Active	25	0	0	0	0.00%	27	1	1	10	R	VP.sc	1		
10929	WAWERLY	11/12/1951	Active	7	0	0	0	0.00%	7	1	1	None		P.S.T.M.VP sc	1		
10930	WERTON	08/03/1936	Active	15	0	0	0	0.00%	16	0	0	2	R		0		
Etc Award (06/30/2019, 06/30/2020)																	
10932	WELLSBURG	07/23/1936	Active	32	0	0	0	0.00%	29	1	1		R		1		
10933	WEST LIBERTY	02/08/1972	Active	15	0	0	0	0.00%	16	1	1		N	P.VP.sc	1		



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			Current	YTD	Current	YTD	Member Count	YTD Added	YTD Dropped	Net Growth	Net Growth %	Member Count 12 Months Ago	Avg Length of service	Months Since Last MMR ***	When Report	President Reported	Vice President Reported	Months Since Last Activity Report ***	Account Balance	Donations for current Fiscal Year
87844	WESTERN MONONGALIA COUNTY AREA Exc Award (06/30/2020)	05/24/2005	Active	8	0	0	0	0.00%	8	0	0	0.00%	8	0	0	0	0	0		
10934	WESTOVER	08/18/1950	Active	8	0	0	0	0.00%	13	1	10						1			
10935	WHEELING	01/05/1922	Active	61	0	0	0	0.00%	63	1							0			
44289	WHEELING ISLAND Exc Award (06/30/2019, 06/30/2020)	10/29/1984	Active	13	0	0	0	0.00%	13	0	2						0			\$20.00
10937	WHEELING WARRWOOD Exc Award (06/30/2016, 06/30/2018)	11/09/1944	Active	38	1	0	1	2.70%	35	0	2						1			
10938	WILLIAMSTOWN	08/30/1946	Active	39	0	0	0	0.00%	38	0							0			
11050	WINFIELD	01/05/1947	Active	13	0	0	0	0.00%	14	0							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	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 Other Report in 12 Months	% of Clubs with balance 90+ days	Number of Clubs in Quo	% Status Quo in Financial	Number of Clubs Cancelled	Average Age of Club	Members Lost Due to Non-Financial	% of Clubs Cancelled for Financial	
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															
10934	VALLEY GROVE	05/08/1956	Cancelled(6*)	11/29/2021															
49	0	0	1,048	11	2	9	0.87%	1,111	21	59%	4%	12%	0%	0	0%	0	0	0	0%

* - P - Priority Club, Cancellation Reasons: 1-Objectives/conduct, 2-Non-active club, 5-Non-existing club, 6-Dissbanding, 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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Lions of District 29-C



During the morning hours of Monday August 15, 2022 up to 6 inches of rain fell in some parts of the Kanawha Valley. What ensued was major flooding in both the Campbells Creek (Kanawha County) and Smithers (Fayette County) area, affecting infrastructure and over 100 homes.

In response, our volunteer Lions of 29-I disaster relief team teamed up with other organizations such as the University of Charleston's Women Basketball team, the Fayette County Day Report Center, and medical school students from the West Virginia School osteopathic medicine to help residents remove muck/mud and debris from their homes and property for the National Guard to load and haul away. The disaster relief team of the Lions of 29-I were vital in helping volunteers from these other organizations be equipped with the equipment and experience necessary to be effective in our joint relief efforts.

As the flood relief efforts shift from mud to recovery, we could definitely use more volunteer support (boots on the ground). I will stay in communication with 29-C district Governor Carla Finch and the cabinet of 29-I if there may be a need for cleaning supplies, tools/equipment for volunteers, and other resources necessary to aid in the flood relief and recovery efforts. If you would like to volunteer with us on future Saturdays, I can be reached by email at wayneoworth@hotmail.com or by phone/text at 304-476-1710. Based on my experience in volunteering in floods, I would make a logical guess that there will be a need for volunteers for the next two months.

Thank you for all you do for Lions, people, and your community!

Wayne Worth

Disaster Relief Chairman - District 29-I

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