

## 291 DISTRICT NEWSLETTER MARCH 2024



### TAKE A BREAK FROM TECHNOLOGY

This very simple way to be kinder to yourself is take a break from technology. Log off from social media, where you are likely to be comparing yourself and your own life to an inevitably filtered, edited, and unrealistically curated version of someone else's. Stop chasing virtual "likes" for a while and you may just start to like yourself and your life a little more.

**WELCOME TO MARCH 2024!** March will see the beginning of Day light saving time on March 10, St Patrick's day on March 17, First Day of Spring on March 19, Palm Sunday on March 24, and Easter on March 31.

By this time, the Club Presidents, Secretaries, and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor should have seen my emails concerning position training available through the Learn Portal. Please do not ignore the opportunity and benefits of completing the training available to you in the Learn Portal. It is part of your training package. Each module takes about 20 minutes. If you think you know everything about the duties of the club officers, you might be surprised. As I visit the Lions clubs in my district, one of the first questions I ask is, "do you have a copy of your Constitution and By Laws?" Most say "Yes." The second question is, "do you know where it is and have you read it?" Most answer in the negative. The bylaws of a Lions Club starting on page 17 describes the duties of the club officers. If you have not read the bylaws, you may be missing some of your duties. As I visit the clubs in the District, I have been giving each President a copy of the current Club Constitution and By Laws.

We have established a policy of presenting each new member a Welcome Certificate along with an Orientation Manual and a copy of the current Standard Club structure along with other information. This is a start of providing our new members with knowledge about being a Lion. As of this date, over 140 new members have received a welcome package. We have sent out 79 for 2023-2024 and the rest to new members in the previous year. Every new member having email access was emailed a copy of the Club Constitution and By Laws. This was also done for Presidents, Secretaries, and 1st Vice District Governors. If by chance you did not receive an email from me, please let me know. When we do an Induction Ceremony, Sponsors should be asked to "Be a sponsoring "Mentor" for their Lion, and arrange for orientation sessions for the new member.

The status of all Clubs in the District can be seen through the Club Health Assessment. For every club, there is a Report called "Club Achievements" that the Club Secretary can pull up. Go into my LCI, click on "My Lions Club" and scroll down to report. Click on reports, this will bring available reports. Scroll down to the last report called "Club Achievements." Click on "Club Achievement" and this will show the following: List of Club Officers, awards received by active members, club recognitions, recent servicing activities and donations made to LCI. Click on "View Print." Sometimes, it takes a little to bring up the information.

The best part of being a District Governor has been visiting each club in the district. In march, due to the loss of two Zone Chairpersons, I will put on my old Zone Chairperson hat and conduct Zone Advisory meetings for Zone 4 and Zone 9. In the month of February, I had a combined visit with Pikeside, Hedgesville, Martinsburg, and Inwood Bunker Hill Lions Clubs. I held a District Cabinet Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> and visit to Short Gap Lions Club on the 19<sup>th</sup>. As of this writing, a visit to the Shinnston Lions Club is scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Today, February 21, I have the first blooming flowers outside of my home. It is a sure sign of Spring coming. However, winter is not over yet



Regarding day light savings time, it has been said, "that only an idiot would believe that you could cut a foot off the top of a blanket and sew it to the bottom of a blanket and have a longer blanket."

Have a great Easter and spring into spring!

God Bless!

DG Kermit Hawley

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**NOTE:** District Constitution and by-laws, Article 11 section 2, DISTRICT GOVERNORS ELECTION PROCEDURE. Any qualified member of a club in the district seeking the office of district governor shall file his/her intentions to run, in writing with Nominating Committee prior to the day of its report to the convention, and furnish evidence of his/her compliance with the qualification for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the district convention the name(s) of all candidate(s) so qualified. If none are received and/or so qualified, then, but then only, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. A candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration, and one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration.

**Section 3, FIRST AND SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECTION PROCEDURE.** Any member of a club in the district seeking the office of first or second vice district governor shall file his/her intention to so run in writing with the Nominating Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the election, and furnish evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and Bylaws. If none are so received and/or so qualified, then, but then only, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration and one seconding speech of no more than a duration of three (3) minutes.



As I sit here writing this, I am preparing to go to St. Charles, Illinois. I will be there for a week of District Governor training. I will get to meet DG's elects from around the world. I also get the opportunity to meet Fabricio Oliveira, the International First Vice President. Who will be the International President during my term. I will also get a chance to go to International Headquarters while I am there. I have never been there before. I have to be honest, I am both excited and nervous. When I get back I will be starting to meet with some of the clubs and have been invited to a couple of service projects. If you have a project or meeting you would like for me to attend, please feel free to reach out. I would love to meet and serve with as many Lions as possible.

Yours in Lionism,

Kim Mason, First Vice District Governor





Fun, food and fellowship with Martinsburg, Hedgesville, PikeSide and Inwood Bunker Hill Lion Clubs.



Zone 8 attendees at January 31st meeting - planning meeting - awesome group of Lions



**Shown are three new members along with their Sponsors that were inducted into the Short Gap Lions Club this month. President Gene Hamilton and DG Kermit are in the back.**





**Wardensville Lions Club** -On February 7, 2024 at our regular meeting, President Tom Austin and Secretary Lorrie Krautwurst welcome new member Lacey Emry into the Club.



DG Kermit received a Lion on Valentine's Day.

### **Let's Have Some Fun!**

DG Kermit Received this "huge" Lion on Valentines Day. The poor Lion needs a name, so your help is needed in having some fun with this.

Pick a name for the Lion and send it to Lion Judy at [hudie@atlanticbb.net](mailto:hudie@atlanticbb.net). The deadline for naming the Lion will end at midnight on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. DG Kermit will decide on the winning name and it will be posted in the April Newsletter. The winner will receive an awesome gift!

Thanks for helping the LION!!

Clarification Regarding “Discounted Member” Definition and  
Its Implication for District Elections

*By Steve Glass, PID 29-1*

On November 18, 2023 Lions International Membership Development Division issued the following message to club officers across our Association: *“As you may be aware, a vote of the delegates during the 2023 international convention resulted in a new “Discounted Member” category.*

*This category includes all members paying discounted dues, such as a discounted family member, Leo-Lion member, student member, or young adult member. Discounted members have all of the same rights as an active member paying full dues, but do not count towards their club’s delegate entitlement for district, multiple district or international conventions.*

*In addition, during the October board meeting, a resolution was passed to update the interpretation of what constitutes “one year and one day.” This constitutional interpretation adjustment now requires members to be full dues-paying members of a single club for a continuous period of one year and one day before they count towards their club’s total delegate entitlement.*

*For members to count toward the delegate entitlement for conventions during the 2024 calendar year, convert discounted members to a full dues-paying membership by December 15, 2023.”*

What are the practical implications of this ruling you might ask? There are two important take aways:

First, if a club has 20 members on the first day of the month preceding the month in which the convention is held, and the club has six family members, the club only has one delegate vote. Why? If you subtract six discounted dues members from twenty, that leaves fourteen members so that gives the club only one delegate vote. Please note that current district governors and past district governors automatically can be delegates, if certified, and do not count toward their club’s delegate entitlement.

In the example above, if the club had converted those same six family members to full dues-paying members by this past December 15<sup>th</sup>, the club would be entitled to two delegate votes.

Second, members must be full dues-paying members of a single club for at least one year and a day before they can count towards their club’s delegate entitlement.

**Club presidents and secretaries, as well as district cabinet secretary-treasurers, should familiarize themselves completely with these new changes before assigning and certifying delegates.**



**2024 MULTIPLE DISTRICT 29 LIONS  
102<sup>ND</sup> STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION  
APRIL 26 – 28, 2024  
GLADE SPRINGS RESORT  
DANIELS, WV**

**NAME/NAMES:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

**CITY/ZIP CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DISTRICT NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CLUB NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRST CONFERENCE:** YES No

**DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE OF \$100 PER PERSON**

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: MD 29 STATE CONVENTION**

**MAIL BY APRIL 5, 2024 TO: PAUL WHEELER, 29C TREASURER**

**46 RANGER LANE**

**S. CHARLESTON, WV 25309**

**FOR LODGING RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CALL 877-814-7316 BY FEBRUARY 26, 2024.  
ADVISE THEM YOU ARE ATTENDING THE LIONS STATE CONVENTION.**

**LODGING ROOM RATE: EXECUTIVE SUITE \$129, DELUXE QUEEN & KING \$149**

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE CONFERENCE, PLEASE CONTACT PCC PETE  
JOHNSON AT 304-575-8964 OR PCC PAUL WHEELER AT 304-746-4415.**



LCIF COORDINATOR  
DISTRICT 29-I  
February 10, 2024

Through December 31, 2023, our members and clubs in our District have contributed \$26,486.50, which is 67% of our goal. Out of 55 clubs, we have had 44 clubs donate, which is 80%. We have had 20 members make a donation, which is 1%.

I have started a new LCIF fundraiser: Helen Keller Centennial Commemorative Ornament. If you would like to participate, please let me know.

**District 29 I and Wendell August Forge  
Are honored to present a limited edition ornament**

At the 1925 Lions International Convention at Cedar Point, Ohio, Helen Keller presented her challenge to the Lions to be her "Knights of the Blind"

Her cause lives on as today's Lions provide vision services worldwide as one of eight global initiatives.

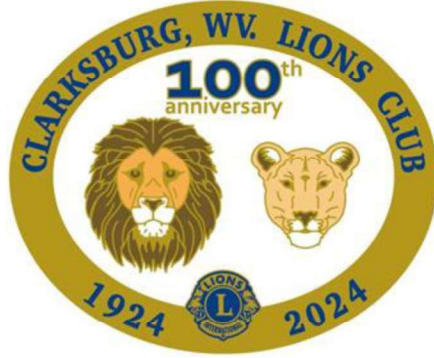
For a suggested minimum donation of \$36 for the bronze version, with all proceeds benefiting Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), you will receive a one of a kind memento, with Helen Keller's digital signature.

District 29 I LCIF Leadership will have these to offer in person.

WAF and the District 29 I Lions *thank you* in advance for your donation and sharing in a piece of Lions International history.

**This fundraising project is brought to you by the LCIF Leadership team of District 29 I.**

PCC John L. Mason  
District 29-I LCIF Coordinator



**The Lions Club of Clarksburg invites you to join us for a celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> chartering!**

**Where:** Best Western Plus, Bridgeport - 100 Lodgeville Road, Bridgeport

**When:** Saturday, March 23, 2024 - Social time begins at 5:30 – Cash bar available

**Cost:** \$35.00 per person or \$60 per couple

**The American Dinner Buffet will begin at 6:30 p.m.** and will include the following:

- Salads – Tossed green salad, herb pasta salad, tomato, onion and cucumber salad
- Entrees – Roast Beef and Stuffed Chicken Breast
- Accompaniments – Country style green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, fresh rolls and butter
- Beverages - Coffee, Decaf, hot tea and iced tea
- Dessert - Anniversary cake

Send this registration form with check payable to: **Lions Club of Clarksburg**, c/o Helen McCarty, 805 Duff Avenue, Clarksburg, WV 26301 (or by calling her at 304-624-4944.) **Deadline is March 16, 2024**

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

*There is a small block of rooms available at Best Western if interested, at a special rate of \$85 plus 13% tax. Room reservations must be made by Saturday, March 9, by calling 304-842-5411 – mention Clarksburg Lions Celebration.*



Left: First vice president Bill Mitchell, and sponsor Nichole Marsh welcome new member Chloe Horst, on the right, into the Franklin club / Right: First vice president Bill Mitchell presents a Melvin Jones Award to Paul Mallow for his outstanding volunteer work in the community.

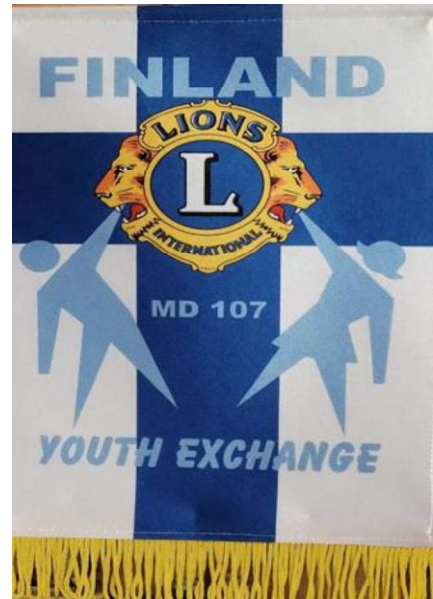


Left: First vice president bill Mitchell presented a Melvin Jones Award to Roy Bowers for recognition of his work in the community. / Right: Jane Eye presented a Leonard Jarrett award to Ann Wimer, left, for outstanding service to Franklin club for almost fifty years.



Club president Clay Richardson, left, and sponsor Danny Wilburn, welcomes new member Chris Wilburn, center, into the Franklin Club.





## **The best two weeks in the US**

### **Annika Toivari**

On July 31<sup>st</sup> I arrived at Dulles airport where my hosts Henry and Lorrie Krautwurst were awaiting my arrival. After some problems with customs, I finally got to meet them. When I arrived, I had been awake for more than 20 hours, so I was pretty tired and hungry... Fortunately on the way home there was a Five Guys fast food restaurant near the airport, where I had my first experience with American food - it was delicious! The first impressions of America seemed really good.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of August was the first morning. I told my hosts that I'm not a picky eater so they wanted to test it out right away with some grits & scrapple breakfast - to their surprise I actually liked it. We went grocery shopping and I was amazed about the huge size of American grocery stores. During my stay I met a lot of people including family members and members from different organizations. I got to meet both of their daughters. Their younger daughter Sarah lives right next door on a farm with her family. I visited the farm where she had lots of animals including pigs and cows and chickens. There I got to milk a cow for the first time ever! That was a real country experience.

We had many travel days. One of which we traveled to Black Waterfalls State Park, Spruce Knob, the highest point of West Virginia and Seneca rocks. After a lot of hiking, we went to a Tri-county fare which was an interesting experience for me because we don't have anything like that in Finland. I also tasted a corndog there for the first time! We spent one full day in Washington DC which I really enjoyed. We went to Ford's Theatre Museum where Abraham Lincoln was shot, that was really interesting place to see! I also got to see a lot of different monuments and famous buildings. We also ate really good burgers at Hard Rock Cafe! One day we went to Fairmont where we spent the night in a hotel where they were having a Lions meeting. It was nice to meet a lot of people who were all really nice and

welcoming! On the way there we stopped in a park where Lorrie had her weekly story time meeting with kids where she and other ladies read books for kids - such a cute concept! There I was asked to introduce myself and tell something about Finland. I was surprised by the number of questions the kids had about Finland! I also got to do some shopping in Fairmont which was fun.

We had few chill days at home as well. I cooked Henry and Lorrie some Finnish foods - salmon soup, macaroni casserole and Finnish pancake. They really liked them so I gave them the recipes! I loved spending time with their pets too and I really miss them! They provided me a really nice room to stay and I felt like home the whole time which was lovely.

Although my time in America was short and I would have wanted to stay for longer. I still got to experience and see a lot of things. Great thanks for that belongs to Henry and Lorrie who made sure that we weren't just sitting in place. They live in the countryside and every day we went somewhere by car because there wasn't much nearby. I didn't mind it at all and luckily, I didn't suffer from motion sickness! It was really nice to see so many places.

I couldn't have asked for anything more; this was such a wonderful experience! Henry and Lorrie were really nice and welcoming since the beginning and we became really close quickly. I'm really grateful to the Lions Club for this experience which gave me the opportunity to learn about a new culture and gain such good memories!



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
FOR 2023-2024**

**MARCH**

**MARCH 5 @ 7:00PM CHARLES TOWN LIONS CLUB, CHARLES TOWN LIONS CENTER**

**MARCH 8 @ 6:00PM ZONE 4 GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY ZONE MEETING AT STEER  
STEAKHOUSE, 5 LANE BEVERLY PIKE, ELKINS, WV**

**MARCH 11 @ 6:00PM PAW PAW LIONS CLUB, PAW PAW GRADE SCHOOL**

**MARCH 12 @ 6:30M WILSONBURG LIONS CLUB AT WILSONBURG BAPTIST CHURCH**

**MARCH 14 ZONE 9 GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY ZONE MEETING AT LOST CREEK UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH (TENTATIVE)**

**MARCH 16 DISTRICT 29L CONFERENCE, VIENNA CONFERENCE CENTER**

**MARCH 20 @ 6:30PM KINGWOOD LIONS CLUB AT PRESTON COUNTY INN**

**MARCH 21 @ TYGART VALLEY LIONS CLUB (TIME & DATE TBD)**

**MARCH 25 @ 6:00PM MT STORM LIONS CLUB AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**MARCH 28 @ 6:30PM HARPERS FERRY BOLIVAR LIONS CLUB AT ANVIL RESTAURANT**

**APRIL**

**APRIL 4 @ 6:30PM ADAMSTON LIONS CLUB, CLARKSBURG METHODIST CHURCH**

**APRIL 9 @ 6:00PM ROWLESBURG & VALLEY DISTRICT LIONS CLUBS, ROWLESBURG**

**APRIL 11 @ 6:00PM SALEM LIONS CLUB AT JACKIES HOME COOKIN**

**APRIL 15 @ 6:15PM TUNNELTON LIONS CLUB AT BRIGHTER DAYS CHURCH**

**APRIL 17 @ 6:00PM CLARKSBURG MAIN STREET AT FREIDLANDER BLDG, 354 WEST  
MAIN ST, CLARKSBURG**

**APRIL 26-28 MD29 CONVENTION, GLADE SPRINGS RESORT**

**MAY**

**MAY 6 PETERSBURG & MOOREFIELD LIONS CLUBS PICNIC (TBD)**





DECEASED MEMBER	CLUB
Ruth E Nicewarner	Charles Town
Mary Jo Short	West Milford
Terry Tallman	West Milford



New Member	Club	Sponsor
Danny W Crippin	Clarksburg Adamston	Tim Criss
William L Hamner	Clarksburg Adamston	Paul Hamrick
Christopher M Wilbur	Franklin	Danny Wilburn
James E Cole	Moorefield	Jonathan Hoyt
Shelia E Riley	Tunnelton	Delisa Riley
Dale Kerens	Tygart Valley	Donald Judy
Paul Louk Jr	Tygart Valley	Jonathan Kyle
Jay Saseen	Tygart Valley	Alfred Scalia
Lacey Emry	Wardensville	Lorraine Krautwurst



Please submit your articles/photos no later than the 22<sup>nd</sup> of every month to: [brights@atlanticbb.net](mailto:brights@atlanticbb.net)

Thank you!

Lion Mary Jane Bright  
29I Newsletter Editor



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