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Lions District 29L Newsletter January 2024

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAN HEINTZMAN



Happy 2024 Lions of District 29L!!!!

Wow, the first 6 months have flown by. Looking forward to my second half of my year as your DG. We are working on several things at the moment. We have a meeting scheduled for February 12 with the Eye Institute. The purpose of the meeting is to start a speciality Club at the Eye Institute. Once the

meeting is completed and all groundwork is completed, LCI will bring in their Club Development team to assist in getting the Club off the ground. This came about after a video chat with myself, PID Cindy Gregg, and PDG Beth Stevens. PID Cindy and PDG Beth are our MD 29 GAT team leaders from LCI. Still much work to do on our end to get this done, but I am confident, as quickly as it came together, we can get this completed by the time I go out as DG on June 25. I want to thank PDG Terry Snyder for taking the lead and setting up the meeting.



Besides myself getting recertified, I want to congratulate SVDG Bill Snyder, PDG Terry Snyder, and Lion Bobette Grimm for becoming Certified Guiding Lions. I am hoping to use my recertification to assist my two successors in their years as DG in rebuilding Clubs and starting new Clubs. The CGL course is available online on the Learn portion of the LCI Portal. I would like for as many of my zone chairs and as many PDG's as possible to take the course. One of the aims of Mission 1.5 is to have as many CGL's as possible. Cost to take the course is nothing, but the rewards are great.

Still time to register for the 2024 WV Lions Leadership Retreat. That will be held on January 26-28 at Flatwoods. Cost is \$105 for the full weekend plus room rates. You can fill out the attached application in the newsletter or register at the District 29L website. You need to register by January 13.

Lion Bobette Grimm and her conference team are working very hard on my District 29L Convention on Saturday, March 16. It will be at Grand Pointe Conference Center in Vienna. Doors open at 8am, Cabinet meeting will start at 10am, Lunch will be at noon, PID Justin's program will be at 1pm, election will be at 3pm, parade of checks at 5pm, and dinner at 6pm. Cost will be Lunch only \$40, Dinner only \$40, and all day will be \$75. Our guest will be PID Justin Faber from Michigan. As soon as the registration form is ready, we will have it in the newsletter, on our district Facebook page, and the District website. One important note concerning the election. Clubs MUST have their second half dues paid by March 1 in order to be credentialed to vote. PDG's are automatically credentialed to vote. Clubs will be getting their second half dues statements sometime in early January.

Lately I have been watching YouTube videos concerning court cases around the country. One Judge I find particularly fascinating to observe is Judge Stephanie Boyd out of Bexar (pronounced BEAR) County, Texas which includes San Antonio. One thing she tells all those who she has sentenced to probation is "communication is the key." If the probationer does not feel that probation is doing all they can for them, they can always come back to court and see her. Communication is the key between the district and Clubs. I have discovered this with some of the Clubs I have visited this year thus far. If Clubs feel that, for whatever reason, their issues with the District have not been addressed, please let me know. If I don't have an answer, I will find out and get back with you. Whatever you need to do to contact me, please do. I cannot guarantee a solution, but the problem will NOT be ignored by me.

On behalf of Lion Charlotte, Gibbs, and Abner, I want to wish everyone a healthy and happy 2024.

"Proud 2 B A Lion, R U?"

DG Dan

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

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S DIARY JANUARY 2024

D.G. DAN'S CALENDAR JANUARY 2024

1/04/2024	D.G. Visit	Ravenswood
01/10/2024 - 01/14/2024	Trip To West Carolina	Contact me via Phone or Email
01/15/2024	D.G. Visit	Morgantown/Westover
01/20/2024	Council of Governors Meeting / PDGA Meeting	Glade Springs
01/26/2024 - 01/28/2024	D.GWV Lions Leadership Retreat. Visit	Flatwoods

Wanted - Candidates for Second Vice District Governor for 29L

The Lions of District 29L are looking for candidates for SVDG for 2024-2025. Qualifications per LCI are 1) Have served as Club President. 2) Have served or are currently serving as Zone Chair or Cabinet Secretary Treasurer. Current first time CST and Zone Chairs have to have been in their respective positions for the better part of a year if they have not served in their respective positions before. 3) Cannot be a Past District Governor.

Application can be requested from CST Kim Ebert (kimebertwv@gmail.com). Paperwork, including minutes of your Club meeting asking for Club endorsement, must be submitted to me by February 15, 2024. Election will be held at the District 29L Convention on Saturday, March 16 at 3pm.

If anyone has questions, please email me at deheintzman@gmail.com.

LEAP INTO SERVICE DAY

We have an extra day in February since 2024 is a Leap Year. On February 29, I am asking all Clubs in 29L to do a service project on that day. I am calling it "Leap Into Service Day." It does not matter whether it is a big project or a small project. Just do a service project, and report that to LCI. If you cannot report it to LCI, get the info to PDG Terry Snyder and she will report it. It is a way to get credit for 100% of Clubs in the district to report a service project.



KEY SPEAKERS AT THE LWVLR

Friday night - Michael Davis



President Michael Davis formerly served as Chief of Staff at James Madison University (JMU). In that role, Dr. Davis managed JMU's presidential priorities and directed matters of policy and institutional importance, including strategic planning, institutional research, and accreditation. His executive leadership grew from his commitment to students. Prior to that role, Dr. Davis served as a faculty member and Director of Debate in JMU's School of Communication Studies. With debate coaching experience spanning more than 25 years, Dr. Davis leveraged alumni and external grant support to elevate JMU's Madison Debate society to one of national renown. Dr. Davis previously taught communication studies and coached debate at Georgia State University, University of Georgia, University of Rochester, University of Louisville, Mercer University, and Syracuse University.

As a first-generation undergraduate student, Dr. Davis learned early the importance of academic mentors and campus support. He strives to address the holistic needs of today's diverse students while reducing barriers. His approach to leadership is rooted in his experience in civil discourse, deliberation, and debate; experience that instilled in him the value of welcoming diverse opinions. Dr. Davis has expertise in leading curricular innovation and crafting international student and faculty opportunities. In his international programming efforts and travels abroad while at JMU, Dr. Davis conducted programming with universities and government agencies in Rwanda and Kosovo. He secured formal partnerships offering high impact opportunities that facilitate compelling enrolment and programmatic co-curricular prospects for students and faculty alike.

Dr. Davis is a proud community member. While at JMU, he cultivated productive relationships with city and county officials, administrators at neighboring institutions, business leaders, elected officials, and statewide commissions and task forces. His community relations experience expands campus boundaries for the symbiotic benefit of both campus and community. In his spare time, his community involvement includes volunteer leadership with the United Way of Harrisonburg-Rockingham County, Any Given Child Shenandoah Valley, On The Road Collaborative, Harrisonburg Education Foundation, Harrisonburg Little League Association, and Girl Scout Troop 82.

Dr. Davis is and will always be a communication studies scholar. As such, he relishes the opportunity to translate his academic experience in public discourse to unequivocally support student success. Mike Davis earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Communication Studies and a Graduate Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies from the University of Georgia. He also holds a Master of Arts and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication and Rhetorical Studies from Syracuse University. His academic research interests center women in the Civil Rights Movement, debate pedagogy, presidential rhetoric, and argumentation and advocacy.

CYNTHIA “CINDY” B. GREGG
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Saturday noon - PID Cindy Gregg



Cindy B. Gregg, from Rostraver Township, Pennsylvania, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 96th International Convention held in Hamburg, Germany July 5 through 9, 2013.

Past Director Gregg is a retired music teacher, choir director, and organist.

A member of the Rostraver Township Lions Club since 2000, she has held many offices within the association, including president, district governor, council chairperson, district MERL coordinator, district Leo advisor, and district LCIF coordinator. She also served on the MD leadership committee. While on the board, Lion Cindy was chairperson of the Family and Women's Action Committee, vice chairman of the Service Activities Committee, and liaison to the 2014 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. She has been a presenter and moderator for various forums, conventions, and training events. She is a Certified Instructor and was a DGE Seminar Leader for five years. Presently, she is serving as an area GAT coordinator for Constitutional Area 1-D (Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia), chairperson of the Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties and is the 2023 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Exhibits Chairperson. Recently, she was appointed as the General Chairperson for the 2027 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held in Huntsville, Alabama.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards including the Club Excellence Award, several Presidential and Leadership Medals and International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the Certified Guiding Lion Medal, the Joseph L. Wroblewski, Carl Shoemaker, and Ross DiMarco Fellowships, and the Ambassador of Good Will, the highest award in Lionism. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a Second Century Ambassador.

Past Director Gregg and her husband, Tom, also a Lion, Past District Governor, and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have a son and a daughter, both of whom are Lions and Melvin Jones Fellows. They have a grandson and a granddaughter

Saturday noon - Beth Stevens



Elizabeth "Beth" Stevens
Past District Governor

Beth Stevens is from Virginia Beach, Virginia. She was installed as District Governor at the 100th International Convention held in Chicago, Illinois June 30 - July 4, 2017. Currently, PDG Beth is serving as the Global Action Team (GAT) Constitutional Area 1 - D Vice Area Leader supporting the GAT teams in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

PDG Beth is the former Financial Development Director for the American Red Cross of Southeastern Virginia. Her responsibilities included supervising fundraising staff, major gift requests, grant writing and event management.

PDG Beth began her membership with the Hampton Roads Blind Lions Club Branch in 2010. The branch transitioned to the Virginia Beach Town Center - Blind Lions Club in 2012. She has held many offices within the association, including president, zone chair, region chair, second vice district governor, first vice district governor, district governor, district global leadership team coordinator (three years), and district global service team coordinator. She has served as Faculty Development Institute Coordinator Farmville, Virginia, and Lions Charity Foundation of Southeastern Virginia President.

PDG Beth is a graduate of the Regional Lions Leadership Institute, Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Faculty Development Institute, and is a Certified Guiding Lion. She has presented at numerous trainings for the district, multiple-district, and USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has been recognized with numerous awards including Lion of the Year, Club Excellence Award, District Excellence Award, several Leadership and Distinguished Service Medals, International President's Certificate of Appreciation, International GAT Chairman's Award, Lions Charity Foundation of Southeastern Virginia Good Samaritan Award. She is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

PDG Beth is married to Lion Mack Stevens, District Global Service Team Coordinator and Melvin Jones Fellow. Mack teaches Modeling and Simulation at the Advanced Technology Center for the Virginia Beach City Public Schools Division. They have been happily married for 31 years.



Saturday night - Larry Edwards

Past International Director Larry L. Edwards, from Altoona, Pennsylvania, USA was elected to serve as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 102nd International Convention, held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019.

Past Director Edwards retired in 2016 after working 45 years in the banking industry. As a former bank executive, he directed operational requirements for nine large bank mergers as well as developed new commercial banking product lines and their supporting technologies. As a member of the Harris Township Lions Club since 2018, he first joined in 2005 as part of the

Lakemont Lions Club. Past Director Edwards has held a number of offices within the association including multiple district council chairperson and as part of the multiple district State Convention Election Committee. He is also president of the Blair County Lions Sight Conservation Foundation.

In recognition of his service, Past Director Edwards has received numerous recognitions including several International President's Awards. Past Director Edwards is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Edwards is director of the Central Pennsylvania National Guard & Veterans Association, former treasurer of the Blair County United Way, and member of the Blair County Chamber of Commerce. Past Director Edwards is also an Eagle Scout and past board member and district chairman for Boy Scouts of America. Past Director Edwards and his wife Susan, a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Lion of PA Fellow, have a daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren living in Henderson, Nevada, USA.

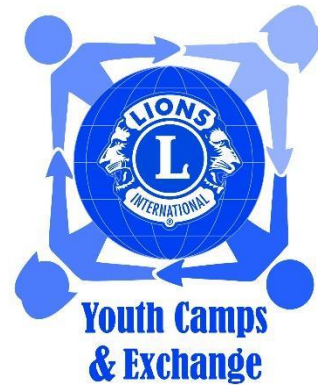
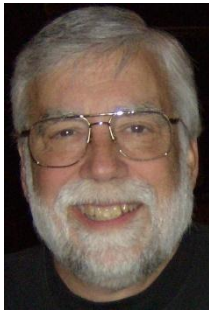


Zone Meeting in Ravenswood with Laura Jordan and Bobette Grimm.



Wheeling Lions Club	102 Years	1/06/1922
Winifield Lions Club	77 Years	1/09/1947
Follansbee Lions Club	84 Years	1/10/1940
Milton Lions Club	94 Years	01/16/1930
Southeast Huntington Lions Club	69 Years	01/25/1955
Ohio County Virtual Lions Club	4 Years	01/29/2020
New Martinsville Lions Club	78 Years	01/30/1946
My apologies to Paden City Lions Club	96 Years	11/14/1927

YOUTH EXCHANGE



On Saturday December 2, 2023 Lion Lorrie and I met with Lions Randy Foster and Bob Sowa of the Gassaway Lions Club along with long time Youth Exchange associate, Denver Drake. We met at the Gassaway United Methodist Church where we would interview 11 students vying for one of the six WV Lions International Youth Exchange scholarships to travel abroad during the summer of 2024.



The interview committee of Denver Drake, Lions Lorrie Krautwurst, Randy Foster & Bob Sowa had the difficult task of interviewing the students and selecting the six to receive a scholarship. Having been on the interview committee in the past I can attest to how difficult the selection process is. The students we see are from all over the state and are all outstanding in their academic achievements and involvement in extra-curricular and community activities.

The interview started at 9:15 am and ended at 4:10 pm. Six students were awarded a \$1,600.00 travel scholarship. They review the Lions Youth Camps & Exchange directory on the Lions website and select a country and a camp they wish to attend and then the exchange process begins.

Three scholarship winners were able to remain to the end of the day. Pictured L-R is



Elizabeth Williams of Moorefield, Dominick Cabrera of Bruceton Mills and Sofiah Boesenske of Benwood, WV. Also selected winners are Madelyn Brown of Beckley, Danielle Scantlin of Evans, Adelina Zizzi of Morgantown.

The youth exchange program can only operate where host families are available in the participating countries. I need help identifying host families for those students wishing to visit WV. Exchanges are during the summer months and generally last for 4 weeks. When we send our students abroad the receiving countries often send a student or two to WV. Please contact me with the names of those families wishing to encounter an experience of a life time. Where you ask do you find a good host family? Talk with your families, friends, co-workers, and church families. Lorrie and I have hosted 8 students since 2013 and we continue to stay in touch with them. Just a few weeks ago we had a one-hour call with Meylin from Peru who stayed with us in 2013 & 2014. Don't be afraid to encounter an experience that will forever enhance your life.

CHESTER LIONS CLUB

Everyone enjoyed Chester's Light Up Night on Friday, sponsored by the Chester Beautification Committee, the City of Chester, and the Lions Club.



As part of the festivities, we made a donation to Hancock County's "Shop with a Cop", which is such a great program.



Parade photos courtesy of Dave Ice Photography



We always have a great time at our Dave Smith Memorial Chili Cook-off. Thanks to the Chester Volunteer Fire Department for allowing us to use their station once again. Thanks also to all the folks who entered their chili and everyone who took part in the sampling!



Congratulations to our Dave Smith Memorial Chili Cook-off winners! Lisa Chronister was awarded 1st place by our judges, and Toby Wilson won the People's Choice award. Lions Club member Amy Porter presented the awards. Thank you to everyone who entered their chili, and to everyone who participated on the sampling! With Tony Wilson.



We recently made donations to Allison Elementary and Oak Glen Middle School to assist each school in providing Christmas gifts for their students in need this Holiday season. Pictured are Allison Elementary Principal, Toni Hartung (right) with club member, Connie Parks Doughty ; and Oak Glen Middle School Principal, Derek VanDyke (right) with club 1st Vice President, Marshall Hobbs.





We welcomed new member, Jeff Woofter, at our meeting last week. Pictured with Jeff are 1st Vice President Marshall Hobbs, President, Jodie Juszczak, and Past President Bob Milner.

Congratulations Hannah! 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.

Saturday-Sunday, December 9-10, 2023

THE REVIEW **A9**

OGHS Lions Club Scholar for December

Hannah Jo Kliner, 18, daughter of Brian and Julie Kliner of Chester, W.Va., has been chosen as Oak Glen High School Lions Club Scholar for December 2023.

During Hannah's time at Oak Glen High School, she has been involved in various sports, clubs and extracurricular activities. Hannah is a three-year letter winner in both cross country and track and field. She has been awarded four-time First Team All OVAC Conference, four OVAC Champion titles, four WV Regional Champion titles, two-time WV All-State titles, and has won the 2023 WV Cross Country title of Runner-Up.

Hannah holds a high standing at OGHS being on the Principal's Honor Roll every year and being an active member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, Prom Committee, Student Council, and Pep Club. Hannah was elected her senior class vice president, served on the senior class homecoming court, was elected to the junior prom court in 2023, and was cho-

sen to partake in the Weirton Chamber of Commerce youth leadership program her sophomore year. Hannah was also selected by The American Legion Post 121 Ladies Auxiliary to represent them at the 2023 Rhododendron Girl's State held at Davis and Elkins College in June of 2023.

Within the community, Hannah is an active member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church where she serves as an altar server and has been involved in the CCD program and Food Pantry. She volunteers with community activities and clean-up tasks alongside working with the youth track programs during her summer.



Hannah Jo Kliner

Following graduation, Hannah plans to continue her education and further her running career at a currently undecided college.



We were thrilled to recognize long time member Jimmy Beckman tonight with the Melvin Jones Fellowship. Jimmy joined our club in 1992 and has been living and spreading the meaning of Lionism ever since. Lions Clubs International recognizes outstanding individuals by bestowing on them an award that is named for its founder, Melvin Jones. This Fellowship Award is the highest form of recognition and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism. The recipient of this award becomes a model because of the exemplary service to his club and the community for which it serves Jimmy was presented the award by fellow members, Bob Milner, Brian Stewart, and Doug Comm. Congratulations Jimmy! Well deserved!



We recently made a donation to New Manchester Elementary School to help fund educational field trips, and incentive programs geared toward anti-bullying, safety awareness, and exploration of STEAM. Accepting the donation was Assistant Principal Jennifer Enochs, and Principal Cinthia Yeater.



Santa came to visit students at the Allen T. Allison Elementary School, Chester, WV

FOLLANSBEE LIONS CLUB



Three were inducted into Lions. One from the Friendly Lions Club inducted by PDG Theresa Snyder. The other two were inducted into the Follansbee Lions Club by 1st VDG Dan Heintzman. Great food and good Lions to fellowship with met friends we had not seen in a long time.



D.G. Dan's Visitation

GRANTSVILLE LIONS CLUB

They are coming from across the galaxy at Christmas in the Village today for lions club mulled wine and wassail! Come see us and help us help the community!

The Grinch showed up to help us sell mulled wine and wassail at Christmas in the Village!

Great time had by all at the annual Christmas Party! Special guests Santa and the Grinch entertained



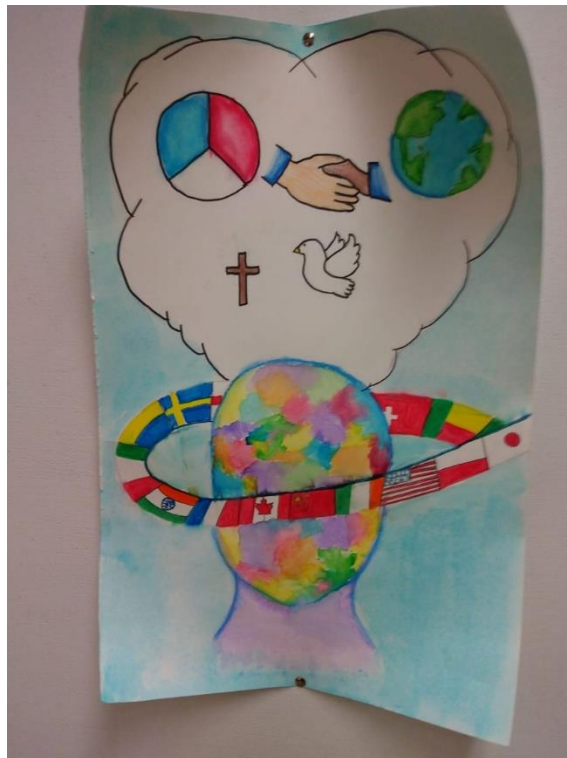
MORGANTOWN LIONS CLUB



Every Year Morgantown Fire Department members nominate a Citizen of the year! This year we are happy to announce Suzanne Moyer as our Citizen of the year! Suzanne helps with the Morgantown Lions Club. Organizes our Annual Memorial Parade. Helps with Colonel Vawter Day and is part of the Colonel Vawter Day Committee. The list goes on.

Help us Congratulate and show appreciation to a pillar in our Community!

MT. OLIVET LIONS CLUB



District 29L Peace Poster Winner. Sophia Kurko sponsored by the Mt Olivet Lions Club. Congratulations

NEW CUMBERLAND LIONS CLUB



Another successful Lions hot chocolate end to the Christmas parade. 187 served 😊. Merry Christmas!



A special night - Lion Peggy Rocchio Lee was presented the Leonard Jarrett Award and Lion Alan Lee was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship! Both very deserving of this recognition 😊

Lion Leonard Jarrett was recognized by the Lions of West Virginia as the founder of the West Virginia Lions Sight Foundation. Thirty years ago the foundation established the Leonard Jarrett award. The award is the highest honor given by the W.Va. Lions Sight Conservation Foundation.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship is an honor, not an award, created in 1973 to acknowledge an individual's dedication to humanitarian service. It is Lions Clubs International Foundation's highest form of recognition. The fellowship is named after Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International. It is awarded to Lions Club members who have provided service above and beyond the normal commitment.



Vice President Sally Greathouse with Marvin Whiteman.

Great Christmas Dinner. Music was provided by Marvin Whiteman from Wellsburg, West Virginia. Marvin provides entertainment throughout the valley and also has several CDs available. He can be contacted at 304-374-4545. Videos of his performances can be found on the Christian Church of Wellsburg FB page. <https://www.facebook.com/wccwv> Kudos to Lion Joyce Young and Lion Sally Greathouse for putting together a great evening. The members brought non-perishable food items to be donated to the local food closet. Continued prayers are being offered for President Pam Stiles.



New Cumberland Lions Club members: Peggy Lee, Betsy Wells and Jeanne Cox decorating the 2023 New Cumberland Lions Club Tree for the Swaney Library Christmas Tree Display Contest. The Lions Club tree is ready for everyone to come and place votes for the "best dressed" retro tree!

We collected non-perishable food items to donate to the food closet tomorrow evening, December 12, at the Christmas dinner.



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NEWELL LIONS CLUB



Merry Christmas from the Newell Lions Club! Thanks for a wonderful party and a great year! See ya'll next year!



Newell Lions Christmas Food Basket Distribution.



December 16th Santa & The Grinch at Newell Volunteer Fire Department . Children & Adults & Pets came along to have their photo taken. Letters were written to Santa.

OHIO COUNTY VIRTUAL LIONS CLUB



Our Lions Club had the pleasure of sponsoring a pancake breakfast for the children and their families on Oglebay Village! Michelle Cusano organized the event where the children would come have breakfast with Santa and we graciously sponsored the breakfast. Check out the pictures the smiles say it all! We were honored to be part of such an event for some great kids

PARKERSBURG LIONS CLUB



Caroline Stewart, Executive Director of the Mid Ohio Valley Regional Council spoke with us, An amazing woman with a very impressive resume.



Wood County Commissioner Blair Couch spoke to our Club about the new 911 center that was formerly the Suddenlink call center building and the resiliency center being built downtown.



Our Lions Club Christmas Luncheon was today. The Men's Ensemble from the Smoot Theatre sang for us. They were amazing!! We even had a special visitor!!!



A few pics of the Parkersburg Lions Club helping the Salvation Army with their Red Kettle Drive at JC Penney today.

[RAVENSWOOD LIONS CLUB](#)



Zone Meeting.

[RIVESVILLE LIONS CLUB](#)

The Rivesville Lions club participated in pole decorating for the Christmas parade that was held on December 16th 2023.

SOUTHEAST HUNTINGTON LIONS CLUB



What a great time we had despite the rain. Here's a few pics of the Southeast Huntington Lions Club float from tonites Parade of Lights in Huntington. Big thanks to Stuart Swope for driving us . Let's continue to get out and SERVE

VIENNA LIONS CLUB



Lion Laura and Lion Bobette at the Vienna Holy Days Parade! We had a great time and talked to a lot of folks. The Parade was Wonderful

WHEELING LIONS CLUB



Wheeling Lions Mary Kay Wensyel, Ann Gallagher, Camille Basinger, Judy Bedway, Kim McCluskey, Bill Fisher, Jay (St Luke's employee), and Vince Gallagher serving the homeless at St. Luke's on Wheeling Island.



A few of our many Wheeling Lions Club members ringing the bells for the Salvation Army at Kroger today.

WHEELING – WARWOOD LIONS CLUB



Merry Christmas to all from the Warwood Lions Club.

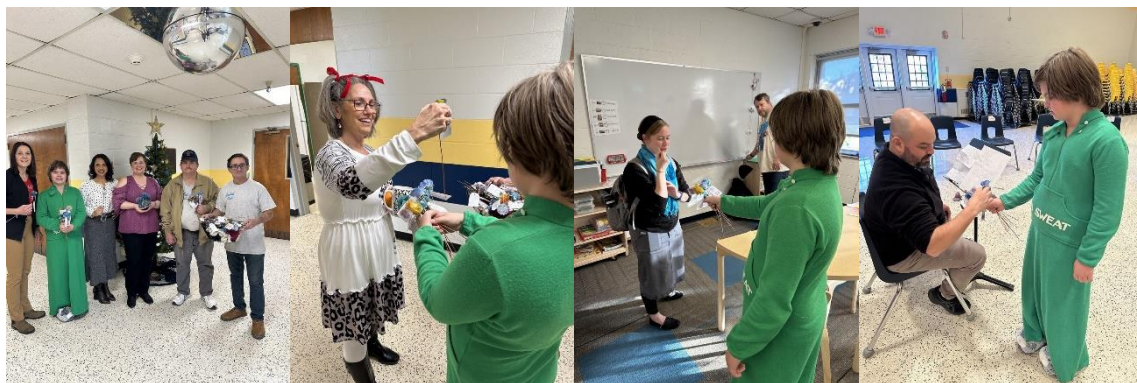
WHEELING ISLAND LIONS CLUB



Lion Thea Gompers and Lion Joe Matthews doing what Lions do best SERVING by ringing bells at Riesbeck's.



Wheeling Island Lions Club collaborated with the St Luke's for their food basket distribution. Our club provided personal care items, cleaning items and paper products.



Zain, a student from The West Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, collaborated with Mr. Larry Wagner from Graceland Studio to make and gift 100 epoxy resin flowers for staff members at WVSDB. 🌸

WVSDB staff members were delighted with their gifts.
Thank you for the generous gifts, Mr. Wagner.



2023 - 2024 DISTRICT 29L CALENDAR

01/13/2024	Registration Deadline for Lions Leadership Retreat	
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
02/15/2024	Closing Date for Applications for positions on District 29L	Email kimebertwv@gmail.com for application Form
03/8/2024 - 03/10/2024	Regional Lions Leadership Institute	Red Lion Hotel Harrisbury / Hershey
03/16/2024	District 29L Conference – Grand Pointe Conference Centre - 10:00 a.m. starting with Cabinet Meeting	Vienna
03/16/2024	District 29L Elections District 29L Conference	Vienna
04/26/2024 – 04/28/ 2024	WV Lions Convention	Glade Springs Resort



INFORMATION CONCERNING THE NEW PORTAL

Dear Lion Leaders

We are continuing to make progress toward the new Lion Portal and are grateful to the Lion testers playing such a critical role in this project. At the October board meeting, several additional factors were identified that necessitate additional development and testing time. As such, we have determined that our January 2024 launch is no longer a realistic target. We will update our digital products page to reflect this update.

Our priority remains creating a positive user experience for our Lions, and we appreciate your support and collaboration as we diligently work toward this enhanced digital experience — together.

Sincerely, Sue Ben Chief of Technology Lions International

GREETINGS FROM YOUR EDITOR IN BEECHWORTH . AUSTRALIA.

AUSTRALIA V AMERICA

- Australians must vote if they do not they have to pay a fine. Americans can choose whether the wish to vote or not.



- In 1996 after the horrific Port Arthur Massacre cost the lives of 35 people, the government introduced legislation heavily restricting access to semiautomatic firearms. There has not been any mass shootings since then.



Gun Amnesty 1996

- In Australia, as long as mutual obligation requirements continue to be met, unemployment benefits can be claimed for as long as they are required.
- In Australia, popular sports include cricket and various types of football including rugby league, rugby union, and Aussie Rules. In America, you won't find any of that. Instead, the main sports are American football, basketball and baseball.



- In America, football is played with helmets, pads, strapping, etc. In Australia, you wear a pair of shorts, a pair of boots and a jersey. Australians do not understand padding.



AMERICAN VS AUSTRALIAN TRUCKS

THAT IS NOT A TRUCK



NOW THIS IS A TRUCK.



29 axles 110 wheels 60mtrs 210ton.



Happy New Year to All from Melbourne Australia home of the Lions International Convention 2024.

29 L Newsletter

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