

## 29I DISTRICT NEWSLETTER APRIL 2024



Feeling good about yourself begins with serving others.

WELCOME to the first full month of Spring – April!

Since July 2023, the International has been sending out information on the new portal that was to be implemented at various times during the year. Well, it now looks like the day may be quickly approaching when the new Lion portal will be in effect. Most of you should have received this e-mail. Take the time to go into [lionsclub.org/portal-updates](https://lionsclub.org/portal-updates). The changeover will cause a minor delay in obtaining info from the International website while performing the changeover. The new portal which is set up to improve our access to information, will not impact a majority of our members. My visits to the clubs indicated that the majority of our members have never been into the International website. This includes Club officers.

A positive note: As of this date, March 23, 2024, we have inducted 94 new members in District 29 I. I will be inducting 6 new members into the Kingwood Lions Club next week, which will bring our total up to 100. Dropped members 79 and deceased members 26. HEY, we are positive!! Thank you!! During the month of March, I held two Zone Advisory meetings for Zone 4 and Zone 9. Club officers invited to these meetings were Presidents, 1st Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Membership and Marketing Chairpersons. Those who could not attend were asked to let me know. Zone 4 has 4 clubs with 20 people invited, only 7 showed. Two clubs had no attendees. Two club members contacted me about not being able to attend. Zone 9 has 5 clubs with 15 members in attendance with all clubs represented. The two advisory meetings were conducted by me and were very productive zone meetings. For those who attended, Thank You. For those who chose not to attend, you missed the opportunity to advance your clubs ideas and concerns. I guess we need to put an RSVP on our meeting announcements. The folks who schedule and perform training and or conduct meetings, put in a lot of time preparing and setting up the meetings in order to hopefully enable you to increase/improve your knowledge and improve your ability to lead. In the future, please let them know when you cannot or will not attend.

DG Visits were made to the Paw Paw Lions Club and Tygart Valley Lions Club. Each club is unique in its activities and operation. Tygart Valley is our largest club with 87 members. Welcome packets were handed out to the three newest members of the Tygart Valley Lions Club. None were in attendance.

Our club survey, which was to be finished in October, has been completed and summarized. This information will be shown in the May newsletter and at the State Convention. If you are planning on going to the State Convention at Glades Springs, you need to get registered.

Please Note: Club Presidents, 1st Vice Presidents and Secretaries, if you have not gone into the Learn Portal and taken the courses available for your position and succession position, please do so prior to the new portal.

“Your biggest success will be in striving to be the best you can be, and only you can succeed at that.”  
Hope to see you at Glades Spring. Have a great and wonderful April.

DG Kermit Hawley  
Ph 681-270-0211 email [valleylionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:valleylionsclub@gmail.com)

Linda Huggins was given a "You Make A Difference" award from DG Kermit for all her work as District 29 I Treasurer.





I had the privilege of attending District Governor training in St. Charles last month. There was almost 700 future District Governors at the training. I met a lot of interesting people from all over the world. I got to meet a FVDG from Denmark, who has the largest geographical district area. She actually has to take a plane to visit all her clubs. Her area consists of a part of Denmark, Faroe Island and Greenland. We talked about how she takes care of all that area. It was very interesting. She was just one of many interesting people I had the privilege of meeting. My group also got to meet with Constitutional District VIII, the newest area, Africa. We traded ideas about starting new clubs and how to invite new members. I have to admit it made me very excited to get ready for my year as District Governor. I have appreciated everyone who has sent me invitations through Mylion to their clubs activities. I am hoping to attend all the events. Please keep sending them.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Multiple District convention at Glade Springs Resort April 26th - 28th.

Yours in Lionism - FVDG Kim Mason



# NEWSFLASH

DG Kermit's Lion has a name!! His name is "Roary."

We received a total of 22 names for the lion.

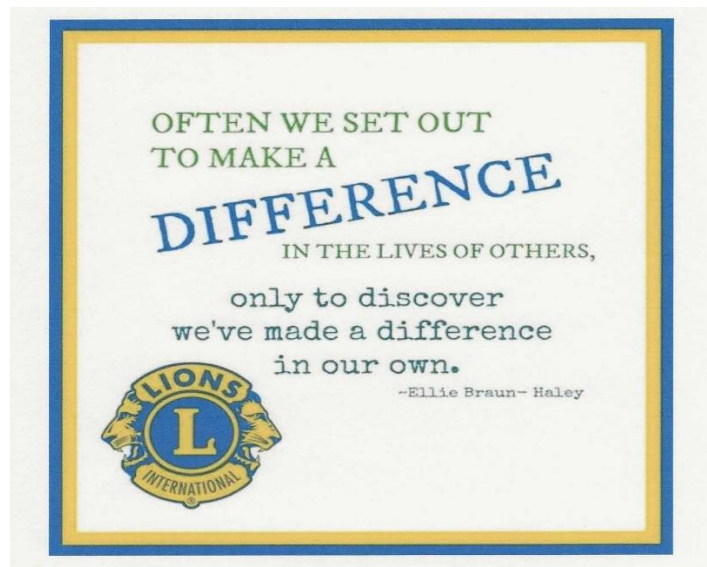
Lion Don Kenyon from the Valley District Lions Club won the prize as he was the first member to give Roary his name.

President Lion Larry Smith of the Johnstown Lions Club was the 2nd member to come up with the "Roary" name, and PID Lion Steve Glass of the Harrison County HOPE Centennial Club was the 3rd member to give us the name of Roary.



A BIG "THANK YOU" to all who participated in the contest. We hope you had fun!

Pictured is DG Kermit and Don Kenyon with Roary, the Lion.





Lion Robert Sypolt from Kingwood Lions along with the Pratts was awarded a "You Make a Difference" pin by Lion Judy for helping Valley District pick up garbage.



Judy and Lion S.O. Pratt from Kingwood Lions were awarded "You Make a Difference" pins from Lion Judy Harder for always assisting the Valley District Club in garbage pickup. S.O. got his very own dump truck for doing big job pickups.



Four new members were inducted in the Kingwood club on March 27th. Their sponsors, Randy and Linda Huggins are on the right. Randy was given a crown as he has more members coming to join their club.

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



# HEDGESVILLE LIONS CLUB

*11th Annual*



# GOLF TOURNAMENT



**Monday, May 6, 2024**

**Check In 9 am**  **Tee Time 10 am**



109 Clubhouse Ridge  
Hedgesville, West Virginia

REGISTER  
*Golfers & sponsors  
sign up at*



**[hedgesvillelions.com](http://hedgesvillelions.com)**



**LEADER DOGS**  
FOR THE BLIND

FOLLOW THE LEADER



## TEEN OPPORTUNITIES AT

### Leader Dogs for the Blind

#### TEEN ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY



- **TEEN GOAL:** Build independent travel skills by working one-on-one with a Certified O&M Specialist (COMS).
- **ADULT SUPPORTER GOAL:** Build knowledge with experiences to support teen with independent travel skills.
- Teen travels with adult supporter to Rochester Hills, MI. All public transportation for both teen and adult, and a room at a local hotel are covered by Leader Dog.
- Both teen and adult supporters learn new skills, build empathy and gain resources.
- 2024 dates available: June 9-15 | July 14-20 | August 4-10
- Teens must have completed at least one year of high school.

#### TEEN SUMMER CAMP



- **TEEN GOAL:** Explore mobility options, build leadership skills and make friendships with peers in a group setting.
- Teen travels to Rochester Hills, MI independently and meets our team at the Detroit Airport (*information and what to expect will be clearly communicated*). All public transportation and a private room on Leader Dog's campus are covered.
- Experience guide dogs, night travel, accessible GPS and more.
- Participate in fun camp activities—rock wall, zip line and team building
- 2024 dates available: June 23-29
- Applicants must be 16 or 17 during the week of camp.

**Let's break barriers, defy expectations, and create a world where every teen, regardless of visual impairment, can thrive! Their journey begins now!**



*"I thought camp would be really fun, and I wanted to meet more blind people my age. I really liked all of the new things I got to do, and I liked meeting all of the other campers. My favorite part of camp was either zip lining or dog day when I got to walk with Penny under blindfold." -LDB Camper*

*"The Teen O&M program requires a parent or guardian to be there with the student; this was super valuable for me as his dad to learn everything they were teaching him." -Parent of O&M Teen*

	Teen O&M	Teen Summer Camp
Teen Only Program		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Teen and Adult Supporter Program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Adult supporter has opportunity to learn, build empathy and network	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>FREE Program</b> (including room, board and travel)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Explore guide dogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Work one-on-one with a COMS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Learn in a group setting		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stay on the Leader Dog campus		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Stay in a nearby hotel (expense covered by Leader Dog)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Meet other teens going through similar experiences	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Must be 16 or 17 during week of program		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Must have completed one year of high school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Must be legally blind	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

If you have questions about our offerings, call Leader Dog at **888.777.5332** and ask to speak with a client services representative or visit [LeaderDog.org](http://LeaderDog.org).

Please see the attached documents regarding the Council Appreciation Luncheon to be held on July 27<sup>th</sup> at the University of Charleston. I also attached a couple pictures of the venue where we will have lunch. We will provide a nice classroom for the Council meeting ahead of the luncheon, the meeting classroom 123 will also be in Riggleman Hall. We plan to have one of our UC Campus Club officers speak at this event.

I also included the buffet menu; we will be selecting hamburgers and grilled chicken breast along with a garden salad and chips. The drinks will be iced tea and water with cookies or brownies for dessert.

Thanks,

Lion Gary Boyd

## EASY ACCESS TO THE ENTIRE CAMPUS.



- 1 PRESIDENT'S HOME**  
- 2122 KANAWHA AVENUE
- 2 THE BOATHOUSE (OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTER)**
- 3 MORRISON FITNESS CENTER**
- 4 THE RUSSELL & MARTHA WEHRLE INNOVATION CENTER & SPORTS COMPLEX**  
- GORMAN PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING  
- ATHLETIC OFFICES
- 5 CLAY TOWER BUILDING (CTB)**  
- SCHOENBAUM LIBRARY
- 6 GEARY STUDENT UNION (GSU)**  
- APPALACHIAN ROOM  
- BALL ROOM  
- BOOKSTORE  
- COFFEE TAVERN (STARBUCKS)  
- DINING HALL  
- FRANKENBERGER ART GALLERY
- 7 RIGGLEMAN HALL (RGH)**  
- ADMISSIONS  
- ERICKSON ALUMNI CENTER  
- ERMA BYRD GALLERY  
- FINANCIAL AID  
- PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM  
- ROTUNDA/AUDITORIUM  
- STUDENT SOLUTIONS
- 8 SCHOOL OF PHARMACY**
- 9 EAST APARTMENTS**
- 10 RATRIE HALL**
- 11 MIDDLE HALL**
- 12 BROTHERTON HALL**
- 13 WELCH ATHLETIC COMPLEX**  
- LOCATED TWO BLOCKS WEST OF CAMPUS
- 14 UC STADIUM AT LAIDLEY FIELD**  
- LOCATED AT 1649 PIEDMONT RD



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## Council Appreciation Luncheon

July 27, 2024

12:00 p.m.

University of Charleston

Erma Byrd Art Gallery

Riggleman Hall

Charleston, WV

### **LUNCHEON RSVP**

Cost: \$15.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Alum Creek Lions Club

Return no later than **June 30<sup>th</sup>** to:

Alum Creek Lions Club

PO Box 224

Alum Creek, WV 25003

The Valley District Lions Club, in conjunction with West Preston School, has announced the winners the Student of the Month. All students received a certificate and a \$50 cash award.

Landon Rush was nominated by his teacher, Mrs. Mary Zeigler, as December Student of the Month. Pictured below are Heather Timberlake (mom), Landon, Kim Hutchinson (grandma), Frank Timberlake (grandpa), Lion Paul McBee and Mary Zeigler.



Avery Senatore was nominated by her teacher, Mrs. Summer Lipscomb, for January Student of the Month. Pictured below are Lion Paul McBee, Avery Senatore and family, Janelle, Reid and Rich Senatore.



Avery Sanders was nominated by her teacher, Mrs. Mary Zeigler, for February Student of the Month. Pictured below are Mary Zeigler, Jennifer Sanders (mom), Avery Sanders, and Lion Lorrie Nielsen.



At our February meeting, Lion Carrie Long-Cress presented the Key Award to Lion Judy Harder, as she has successfully sponsored two new members to the Valley District Lions Club.



On March 11th, Lion Lorrie Nielsen of the Valley District Lions Club was awarded a "You Make A Difference" plaque by her club and 2nd VP Lion Judy Harder for her many years of service "spot checking" eyes at the West Preston Elementary School and various Health Fairs in Preston County. Lorrie also has managed the "Student of the Month" program at the school as well as the Peace Poster program for the club. The plaque is inscribed with "May you be proud of the work you do, the person you are and the difference you make. Thank You."



On March 12, 2024 Wardensville Lions Club welcomed new member Ed Klinovski (L-R) Sponsor Henry Krautwurst, Lacey Emry and President Tom Austin,







## 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 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.

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

**APRIL**

**APRIL 2 @ 7:00PM CHARLES TOWN & HARPERS FERRY LIONS CLUBS, CHARLES TOWN LIONS CENTER**

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

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

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

**APRIL 16 @ 6:00PM ROWLESBURG & VALLEY DISTRICT LIONS CLUBS, ROWLESBURG**

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

**APRIL 18 BUCKHANNON, BUCKHANNON KESLING MILL AND HODGESVILLE LIONS CLUBS**

**APRIL 22 MT STORM LIONS CLUB**

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

**MAY**

**MAY 6 PETERSBURG & MOOREFIELD LIONS CLUBS PICNIC, PETERSBURG CITY PARK**

**MAY 7 EAST PRESTON LIONS CLUB**

**MAY 14 WILSONBURG LIONS CLUB, WILSONBURG BAPTIST CHURCH**

**MAY 16 @ 11:30AM SHEPHERDSTOWN CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB, LIBRARY**

**MAY 22-26 RAPID CITY, SD (GRANDDAUGHTER'S GRADUTION)**



DECEASED MEMBER	CLUB
Douglas Sensel	Berkeley Springs
Jackson Smith	Lost Creek



New Member	Club	Sponsor
Virginia P Ables	Central Upshur	Joahn Hawkins
Dale Hawkins	Central Upshur	Joahn Hawkins
Angela C McCoy	Central Upshur	Joahn Hawkins
Rodney J McCoy	Central Upshur	Joahn Hawkins
Joseph M Baldwin	Grafton	Franklin Sturm
Arnold R McCartney	Ireland	Denton King
Frankie Long	Lumberport	Linda Exline
Rebecca Long	Lumberport	Linda Exline
Quinnlan S Buckley	Parsons	Danielle Pennington
Angela C Davis	Parsons	V. J. Davis
Edward R Klinovski	Wardensville	Henry Krautwurst
Christina Johnson	West Milford	Hilda Cutter
Steve R Johnson	West Milford	Hilda Cutter



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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