

DISTRICT 29I NEWSLETTER August 2023



Pride (Definition): A feeling or deep pleasure or satisfaction derived from one's achievements and the achievements of those whom one is closely associated with.

August: Get ready for the full summer month with hot weather and bountiful produce from your garden.

For the Lions members who showed up at the World Association of Marching Show Bands in Buckhannon, WV, it was a wonderful experience. Our participants (all 13 of us) were able to ride on the float for 2.5 miles. We had the band from Taiwan in front of us and an all-girl band from Germany following us. The parade and the audience were a big hit. The biggest thrill for all of us was how we were received by the crowd. There were many people shouting **Thank You** from the Crowd, applause and standing ovations as we passed by. We all had a feeling of great pride in being Lions. Great time and well worth being there. The Lions receive a lot of public recognition.

We are still looking for a First Vice District Governor. Hey, the next District Governor will be going to Australia, courtesy of the International next year. Darn! I missed it by one year. If you have the qualifications required to seek the District Governors position, take the plunge this year and become the First Vice District Governor. Things are starting to shape up and after the District Cabinet meeting we should be announcing when and where our training meetings will be taking place along with when we will begin our satisfaction survey. One of our goals this year is to identify 10 of our newer members for a succession training program. This is to provide training for future leaders in our clubs and District positions. If you have an interest in this program or know someone who could be a candidate Contact me vallylionsclub@gmail.com phone (C) 681-270-0211 or Global Leadership Coordinator PDG Gray Jones (C) 304-707-5049 liongrayjones@gmail.com

The parade in Buckhannon and the response we received is a product of our commitment to serving our communities and its people. You should be proud of the job that you do fulfilling our mission of service. Those of us who have taken on a leadership role, be it at the **Club Level, District Level or even at the International Level, do so because we care**, knowing that it just a temporary position and not a life commitment. We as leaders have a responsibility to our Club and to our fellow Lions to perform the duties assigned and to carry them out to the best of our abilities, to request assistance if needed in performing our duties and ensure that we do not hinder others by holding on to a position for extended period of time.

JUST A NOTE: Coming up in October is the District 29-I Conference at Canaan Valley Resort. If you get a chance, please attend. What an opportunity to be with your fellow Lions, fun and perhaps learn more about being a lion. We have some changes coming in how we do our business. We have training, we have a survey, and you have me scheduling Club Visits. Schedule time to be with us at the Conference in October.

When I first became a Lion, I questioned why we were donating funds to LCIF, my thought was we can use these funds locally so why send to the International. Well, the more I learned about where those funds are being used, I changed my mind. 100 Percent of those funds are used in humanitarian efforts around the world and also within our State. We as a state have received back more dollars from LCIF than has been provide to LCIF in our total history. Our club donations be they small or large are going to a good cause. Also, donation to the other programs on our parade of checks are worthy of consideration.

Clubs! If you have membership packets left over from last year, you will need to order new packets. If you are planning to induct new members and do not have new packets available, contact me. I received some from the International. We can fix you up in the short term.

I will be scheduling Club visits for September. Give me a call if you would like a District Governors visit in September.

Set smart Goals: Having practical goals to work toward is an effective way to weave hope through your life. Make sure each of these goals is:

1. Specific
2. Measurable
3. Achievable
4. Relevant
5. Time-Bound

“Always prefer to believe the best of everybody, it saves so much trouble” Rudyard Kipling.

“Be nice to yourself. It’s hard to be happy when someone is mean to you all the time.” Christine Arylo

God Bless! and have a great month!





WV Lions who participated at the World Association Of Marching Show Bands in Buckhannon, WV

Back Row: Millard Minor, Phillipi; Sue Long, Fort Ashby; Ben Crutchfield, Buckhannon; Gray Jones, Berkeley Springs; Mary Jane Bright, Fort Ashby; and Larry Alkire, Central Upshur

Front Row: Kermit Hawley, Valley District; Valerie Minor, Phillipi; Judy Harder, Valley District; Ken Shahan, Nutter Fort; Paula Shahan, Nutter Fort; Rob Bright, Fort Ashby; and Doug Long, Fort Ashby



District Governor Kermit Hawley, Lion Larry Alkire and Lion Valerie Minor





**West Virginia Past District Governors Association
Council Appreciation Luncheon**

Date: Saturday August 5, 2023 @ noon
Where: Best Western Plus, Bridgeport, WV
100 Lodgeville Road, Bridgeport
Cost per person: \$25.00

All Lions and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend to honor our outgoing Council of Governors: **CC Susan Long, DG Jay Houser, DG Gray Jones and DG Carla Finch**, as well as our MD29 Chairpersons.

Note: The **Council of Governors** meeting will take place at **10:00** that morning at Best Western Plus.

Make your reservation **in advance** by contacting PCC Al Cox at 304-216-5251 or by mailing this registration.

Attendee Name (s):

Address/phone/email

Lunch Menu:

Tossed Salad w/Assorted dressings - Fresh Fruit Salad
Roast Beef - Stuffed Chicken Breast - Mashed potatoes w/both beef and chicken
gravy - Country Style Green Beans - Fresh baked rolls w/butter Coffee, Iced Tea
and Water - Fresh baked cookies

**Make check to WVPDGA and mail to:
PCC Al Cox, 313 Worley Avenue, Clarksburg, WV 26301**

Deadline for reservations is August 1, 2023

Preston County Lions Clubs Golf Scramble



Awards Dinner
after Tournament
Included in
Registration
Fishing permits
available for golfers'
family



Hole-one-prize
\$1,000
Cash Prizes For
1st and 2nd places
For both
Men's & Mixed
Teams

Alpine Lake Resort

Terra Alta, West Virginia

Saturday: August 19, 2023

Tee Time 12:00 P.M.—Noon

Fundraisers

Mulligan	50/50 Tickets
Red Ball	Basket Raffle Tickets
Sandie	Golf Ball Raffle Shot



Registration form at: <https://tinyurl.com/ywjdjz59>

Or, scan the QR code for registration form.

Call Jerry Edens for information: 304-290-2420

Join the Lions at beautiful Alpine Lake Resort , enjoy an afternoon of golf and help support their community projects in Preston County.

USA/Canada Lions Forum

RENO POSTER



4 MEALS
Included with registration

NO SHUTTLES NEEDED
all Forum hotels are connected in six city blocks

SEPT. 21-23, 2023



OVER 80 SEMINARS

FREE PARKING
at The Row hotels



ONE OF THE BEST LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN LIONISM

4 INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKERS
during meals

EARLY REGISTRATION
ENDS MAY 31, 2023

3 RESORTS ONE DESTINATION

THE ROW Reno offers 24-hour self-parking with access to 25 restaurants, 23 bars and lounges, and general amusement and nightlife all within walking distance of world-class recreational destinations.



Visit LionsForum.org for more information





DISTRICT 29 I CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 20-21, 2023
CANAAN VALLEY RESORT

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL _____

CLUB _____ DISTRICT _____

COST: \$60-Friday evening, Saturday all day, Includes: dinner Friday, lunch and dinner Saturday
\$45-Saturday all day includes: lunch and dinner.

EVENTS: Friday Evening-Entertainment, music, dancing, refreshments
Saturday- silent auction, lunch entertainment, seminars, service projects, Special
Recognitions, parade of checks.

***IF ANYONE HAS SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS PLEASE LIST THEM:** _____

**IS THIS YOUR FIRST CONFERENCE ___ YES ___ NO. HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN A
LION ___ ?**

ROOMS: \$129 A NIGHT CALL FOR RESERVATIONS: 304-866-4121 AND DIAL 0 FOR
RESERVATIONS MENTION THE OCTOBER LIONS CLUB GROUP.

HOWEVER IF MAKING RESERVATIONS ONLINE USE THIS LINK: MUST BE BY Sept. 20 if doing
online. <https://www.canaanresort.com/book-now?pid=23893> enter check out date Group code:
1033PK After Sept 20 use above phone number.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE LIONS DISTRICT 29I CONFERENCE: Need by Oct 13th.

SEND TO: PCC SUE LONG, P.O. BOX 988, FORT ASHBY, WV 26719

PARADE OF CHECKS
 DISTRICT 29- I FALL CONFERENCE
 OCTOBER 20-21, 2023

Please complete this form and return it to the Treasurer (at the address below) or via e-mail by Monday October 16, 2023. **Individual checks should be made out to each program as listed.** Checks may be presented to the Cabinet Treasurer at the registration desk on Friday evening or Saturday morning. Clubs not attending the conference should mail checks to the Cabinet Treasurer Lion Linda Huggins. Please email her the donation amounts at: (lc.huggins@hotmail.com) Each club will be recognized at the banquet and the amounts donated will be acknowledged provided this procedure is followed.

PROGRAMS

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF)	\$ _____
WV LIONS SIGHT CONSERVATION Foundation (WVLSCF)	\$ _____
DIABETES	\$ _____
YOUTH EXCHANGE	\$ _____
MD - DEAF & BLIND RECREATION AND SKI PROGRAM	\$ _____
ROMNEY D&B STUDENT WORK PROGRAM	\$ _____
LEADER DOGS	\$ _____
PILOT DOGS	\$ _____
DISASTER RELIEF	\$ _____
QUEST	\$ _____
OTHER	\$ _____

Club Name _____

Lion Linda Huggins
 220 Miller Rd.
 Kingwood, W.V. 26537

TOTAL DONATIONS \$ _____

Tennerton Lions Club

2023 Annual Fund Raiser

Drawing Held the First Saturday in November

FIRST TICKET DRAWN: Savage Arms Axis II Bolt Action Rifle w/Scope
(Combo .270 Win. Black) Donated by Jenkins Ford

SECOND TICKET DRAWN: Custom Hunting Knife

THIRD TICKET DRAWN: Trail Camera

\$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5



Proceeds to Benefit Tennerton Lions Club Charitable Programs
Need Not be Present to Win

Contact any Tennerton Lions Club Member for a Ticket
or Email the club at tennertonlionsclub@gmail.com

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

DISTRICT 29I DIABETIC AWARENESS PIN

Designed by
Seventh
Grader
Ms. Madison
Burnside
(Buckhannon
-Upshur
Middle
School)



Cost: \$4.00 per pin

To purchase, place orders through the following Google Forms
<<https://forms.gle/5SrjNwYjYL257U1aA>>, contact your local club
president, or contact District 29I Diabetes Chairperson Lion
Brendan Byrne at lionbrendanbyrne@gmail.com

We Serve

Founded 1917

WIN \$2,000
in the
Berkeley Springs Lions Club
“Great Chance for Sight”
RAFFLE

3 CASH PRIZES

1st Prize – \$2,000

2nd Prize – \$1,000

3rd Prize – \$500

Drawing Will Be Held at Charlotte’s Cafe
Thursday, August 31, 2023 • 2:00 p.m.

No More Than 1,000 Tickets Will Be Sold

\$10.00 PER TICKET

You Do Not Have To Be Present To Win!

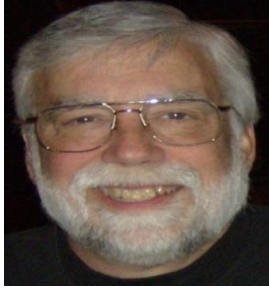
The “Berkeley Springs Lions Club Chance For Sight” raffle raises money to support numerous charitable organizations in the Morgan County, W.Va., communities.

You Could Win Up To \$2,000 While Helping Those In Need

Purchases must be made by August 30. You need not be present to win and hope that you support our efforts to benefit the less fortunate in our community.

PURCHASE TICKETS AT:

Hunter’s Hardware • Roy’s Service Center • Charlotte’s Café • Dawson’s Hardware
10X Freedom Range • Cacapon Market (near Cacapon Resort State Park)



Youth Exchange Summer 2023



In December 2022 students from across the state interviewed for the opportunity to win a scholarship to travel to the country of their choice. Six students were awarded scholarships but two had to withdraw for various personal reasons. Through the winter and spring months exchanges were arranged, passports obtained and student letters to prospective host families were sent out.

We have one girl, the sister of a previous exchange student, who will be travelling to Tunisia in August. She is finishing high school and is living with her parents who are currently stationed in Germany. We had two boys who traveled to Germany in June. I have already heard from one boy who had a good time and made a number of friends while at camp. He intends to maintain contact with them and hopes to see one of them in the near future. He also made some interesting observations about the German people. Coincidentally, Lion Lorrie and I made the same observation when we hosted both a girl from Germany and a girl from Finland. Our last student is a girl who will be travelling to Italy.

Lorrie and I will host a girl, Annika Toivari, from Finland who will stay a SHORT two weeks as she needs to return home to start medical school the following week. She will be attending several Lions functions with us so you may have an opportunity to meet her.

I have said many times that I believe I have the best job in all of WV Lions. It is an honor and pleasure to work with both the students from WV and abroad as well as my counterparts around the world. While the students enjoy their travels Lorrie and I have met many wonderful people as a result of our participation in the Youth Exchange program.

Our program will kick-off in September with news articles in the local papers and mailings to the high schools throughout the state. The success of the program depends on people being willing to host a student during the summer. This is where I ask YOUR help with identifying prospective host families. Don't be afraid to encounter an experience that will forever enrich your life. Please, call me with your questions and referrals.

On behalf of the Youth Exchange committee and the scholarship winners, THANK YOU for your support and providing a student an opportunity to travel to another country.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2023-2024

AUGUST

**AUGUST 5 @ 10:00AM COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING, BEST WESTERN PLUS,
100 LODGEVILLE RD, BRIDGEPORT, WV**

**AUGUST 9 @ 6:00PM DG VISIT WARDENSVILLE LIONS CLUB PICNIC & INDUCTION,
WARDENSVILLE CITY PARK**

**AUGUST 10 @ 6:30PM DG VISIT CENTRAL UPSHUR & IRELAND LIONS CLUBS,
CHURCH IN IRELAND, WV**

**AUGUST 12 @ 10:00AM DISTRICT CABINET MEETING AT ANNUNCIATION OF OUR
LORD CHURCH, 885 FRANKFORT HWY, FORT ASHBY, WV**

AUGUST 14 @ 6:00PM DG VISIT FRANKLIN LIONS CLUB, FRANKLIN, WV

**AUGUST 18 @ 6:30PM DG VISIT SUGAR GROVE LIONS CLUB PICNIC, SUGAR GROVE,
WV**

**AUGUST 19 @ 12:00PM ZONE 6 GOLF TOURNAMENT, ALPINE LAKE, TERRA ALTA,
WV**

AUGUST 28 @ 6:30PM DG VISIT TENNERTON LIONS CLUB PICNIC, TENNERTON, WV

SEPTEMBER

SEPT 21-23 USA/CANADA LEADERSHIP FORUM, RENO, NEVADA

OCTOBER

OCT 20-22 DISTRICT 29I CONFERENCE, CANAAN VALLEY RESORT

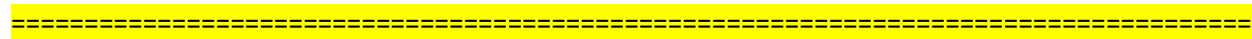


New Members for July 2023

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Delores A Maier	Bridgeport	Caroline Maier
Marvin P Shelton Jr	Bridgeport	Anne Bronsak
Amber Nicole Scott	Jane Lew	Larry Gatian
Martin D Broderick	Lost Creek	Stephen Hall
James P Mullen	Martinsburg	Carl Livesay
Clarence R Monn Sr	Petersburg	Gary VanMeter
Jane Bray	Shinnston	Info not Available
Brian L Rhoades	West Milford	Hilda Clutter
Kelli D Rhoades	West Milford	Hilda Clutter



Deceased Member	Club
DAVID J GALLIEN	JANE LEW
ARVIN HARSH	MOUNTAIN



Please submit your articles/photos no later than the 22nd of every month to: brights@atlanticbb.net

Thank you!

Lion Mary Jane Bright
29I Newsletter Editor





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