

DISTRICT 29I NEWSLETTER July 2023



The optimist turns problems into opportunities.

The pessimist turns opportunities into problems.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”
Margaret Mead

July: Wonderful July, Independence Day, summer is in full swing. The days are getting hotter, the first cutting of hay should have taken place, watermelons and the first corn should be available. OH yes, I am now officially District 29-I Governor. I suspect several of you know me by now. However, here is a little bio: My name is Kermit Hawley, I am married to Judy Harder. We reside in a small unincorporated area of Preston County, West Virginia, called Kanesh Creek which is three miles from Kingwood and three miles from Reedsville. My experience with Lions Club has been over the last 13 years as a member of the Valley District Lions, consisting of: six- and one-half years as club president, committee chairperson of most all positions and two and three fourth years as Zone Chairperson., 2nd Vice District Governor and 1st Vice District Governor. I am a graduate of WVU with a degree in Agriculture and a minor in Business. I served three years in the US Army as a First Lt. with last post along the DMZ in Korea. I was employed with USDA FmHA and Rural Development serving rural communities, farmers, and families for over 30 years. Last few years I served as administrative officer for USDA Rural Development in West Virginia.

It is with humble honor that I assume the role as District Governor for District 29-I. Thank you with heartfelt thanks for your confidence and kindness in selecting me. I will do my best.

This year’s motto is: **“WE SERVE WITH CARE AND KINDNESS”**. Each of us is a proud member of our Lions Club, whether it is a club of 12 or one with 80 members. It is not the size of our club but the size of its heart and our willingness to serve others that matters. Every one of us is here to serve our communities, families, and individuals in need. We serve when and where there is a need. We do this with a caring heart and hopefully with a kindness attitude.

Kindness has benefits such as improving health, happiness, relationships, and social well-being. It can also reduce stress, anger, and violence. Kindness can be expressed in many ways, such as offering help, listening, giving compliments, donating, and volunteering. When we witness it, we are more likely to be kind to others. This creates positive feedback. Kindness is a virtue that can be coveted and learned.

By practicing kindness regularly, one can develop a kind mindset that sees the good in others and ourselves. Kindness is more than a word. It is a chance to act with love, generosity, and service to others.

By the time this newsletter is published, we will have returned from Boston and the International Convention (see the Photos below). What a spectacular event. So many Lions from so many countries, what a great time!

This coming Lion Years we will be spending our energy in seeing that members of the Lions Clubs in District 29-I have the tools, information, training and hopefully an enthusiastic positive outlook on servicing, membership and any changes that may take place.

In the near future, we will be conducting a survey for all our members. Please take the survey seriously and provide us with the feedback requested. We will also be conducting Club Officer training for presidents and secretaries. All presidents and secretaries are expected to participate in this training. The training will consist of in-house meetings along with the on-line training through the Learn Portal. Our jobs as leaders is an ever changing thing and we must keep up to date on what is going on. Hopefully, we can assist you in staying informed on what is going on.

The Lion Portal: Where do we stand? Information received at the **International portal preview** indicated a start-up date around the end of September. However, this is not set in concrete. So, it may be a moving target date. If you want to get ahead of the ball, go into Lions Club International and click on the resources center screen. Type in Portal and hit search, scroll down. There should be three articles pertaining to the new portal. Please ensure that individual accounts for all members are updated to include e-mails, phones, and addresses.

Have a blessed summer!

“YOU WILL NEVER FIND TIME FOR ANYTHING. IF YOU WANT TIME MAKE IT.” Charles Buxton







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A TRIBUTE TO QUEEN







Parade of Nations
July 22, 2023 @ 12:00pm
Buckhannon, WV

Saturday July 22nd

9:30 am – 10:00 am Arrival time to Buckhannon, travel North on I-79 take exit 99 to Buckhannon, WV. Travel to the **Buckhannon – Main Street** exit and travel to Courthouse turn right onto (route 20 South) South Kanawha St. and travel to **McDonalds light**. Turn left onto **College Ave.** and travel to intersection of **College Ave. and Meade St.** where you will check in. Turn right onto **Meade St.** drive to intersection of **Meade St. and Camden Ave.** turn left and drive to large parking lot on your right can park your car there. Walk back to **Camden Ave**, turn left, and stay on right side of street till **Camden Ave. and Marion St.** intersection and floats will be straight ahead, (someone will be there to help you find your float).

10:00 am Lunch – Aladdin Foods (West Virginia Wesleyan College). For meal arrangements, contact: Kenna Whitcomb at (304) 473-8104. Discuss specific meal request-menu-cost-payment, etc.

10:50 am Ready for line-up departure.

10:55 am Depart for Parade line-up (Camden Ave.)

11:00 am Parade Line-up time. (Should arrive at designated parade position)

12:00 pm WAMSB 2023 Grand Feature Parade of Nations 2.5 – mile route

*Parade will be livestreamed-Worldwide

Exit: End of Parade float will turn right on to College Ave. to the intersection of College and Meade St. turn left travel to intersection of Meade St. and Camden Ave. ask to be let off float here. Walk back to your car, turn left out of parking lot onto **Randolph St.** travel to intersection of **Randolph St. and Marion St.** turn left cross **Poe Bridge** turn left and travel to Bowling Alley on your left turn right to **Childers Run Road** turn left (1 mile) at light at foot of hill turn left onto Robert C. Byrd Highway. This will take you back to I-79.

NO POLITICAL MATERIAL TO BE PASSED OUT DURING PARADE!!!

NO STOPPING DURING PARADE!!!



Hello fellow Lions,

As I have sent out messages previously, July 22nd the World Association for Marching Bands will be having major competition at Buckhannon at West Virginia Wesleyan University. I hope to have as many Lions as possible there marching in the Parade.

If you cannot walk, there is space on the float for individuals to sit. As far as Attire for the parade, if you want to wear your shirt from the International parade, however any Lions shirt will be fine. If you have a vest that will be great. Attached is a copy of the itinerary with times and locations for the parade (please refer to page 7).

Please send the itinerary to your club Presidents and club members.

Please respond to me if you or any members are attending so we can look for you. My cell 301-707-8503. If you cannot find our group, please call so we can look for you and direct you to our location.

Again, Thank you!

PCC Sue Long



| BUCKHANNON 2023

The World Association of Marching Show Bands (WAMSB), an international association dedicated to the fostering and growth of the worldwide marching band community, will be hosting its world championship in the **City of Buckhannon, West Virginia, USA on July 17- July 24, 2023**. This is the first event held in the U.S. in six years and the first time it has been hosted on the East Coast.

WAMSB is comprised of members from 32 nations from around the globe, representing 24 band associations, their bands and visitors. Buckhannon, Upshur County, and West Virginia welcome the opportunity to be viewed on a world stage and we look forward to highlighting the Mountain State.

Visitors will have the opportunity to come together to experience the sounds and visual talent of other cultures and be immersed in the unique art, music, and culture of Appalachia.

The theme of this year's competition is **Uniting the World Through Music**. The theme rings true by having nearly all corners of the world united in one place for a week-long extravaganza.



**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/ywidjz59>

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



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Reno 2023

SEPT. 21-23, 2023

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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

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DISTRICT 29I DIABETIC AWARENESS PIN

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



Cost: \$4.00 per pin

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<<https://forms.gle/5SrjNwYjYL257U1aA>>, contact your local club
president, or contact District 29I Diabetes Chairperson Lion
Brendan Byrne at lionbrendanbyrne@gmail.com



Not a Goodbye, but a See You Soon

Lions of District 29-I, it has been a pleasure being your Diabetes Chair these past three years and I have immensely enjoyed getting to know many of you throughout the district by educating you all in diabetes and presenting at many of your club meetings and district events. To PCC John Mason, PCC Sue Long, and PDG Gray, thank you for giving me the opportunity and entrusting me with leading the district in diabetes education. I hope that the time I spent over these three years speaking to everyone in the district and writing articles benefited everyone and hopefully you all learned something new about this devastating disease which affects millions worldwide and grows each day. To my successor, I wish her all the best and I look forward to seeing her continue to bring awareness to diabetes in a variety of creative ways. Thank you all for this opportunity that you have provided me for the past three years doing what I love to do, bringing awareness to diabetes.

Yours in Continued Service,

Lion Brendan Byrne

Past Diabetes Chair for 29-I



My First Experience with Type One Diabetes

My name is Lion Patty Byrne and I am the incoming Diabetes Chair for District 29-I. The first time I became aware of Type 1 Diabetes was in third grade as one of the characters' of my favorite book series, *The Babysitter's Club*, was diagnosed with the disease. It seemed horrible; getting daily shots, having to say no to treats due to high blood sugar, passing out, and even hospitalization. The character found success, but it was a hard battle. It certainly never occurred to me at eight years old that Diabetes would become a daily part of my reality.

After I outgrew those books, I rarely thought about Type One Diabetes. It wasn't important to my world. But six and half years ago, it suddenly became very important to my world when my eighteen-month-old daughter was diagnosed with Type One Diabetes. My family's life turned upside down as we suddenly found ourselves counting carbs, administering shots, and realizing that we could never stop thinking about it.

As your Diabetes Chair, I hope to bring three things to the table, personal experience as a mother of a child with Type One, practical ways that you can support those with Type One Diabetes, and Advocacy. Type One Diabetes is often misunderstood with misinformation guiding people's responses. If I can pass on information about what Type One Diabetes really is then the people who have it, including my daughter, have a better chance at getting the services they need to live the best lives possible.

It doesn't need to only be in fiction that Type One Diabetics win. I look forward to being your chair this year.

Yours in Service,

Lion Patty Byrne
Diabetes Chair for 29-I

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2023-2024

JULY

JULY 17-24 WORLD ASSOCIATION OF MARCHING SHOW BANDS, BUCKHANNON, WV

**JULY 22 MARCH IN WORLD ASSOCIATION OF MARCHING SHOW BANDS PARADE,
BUCKHANNON, WV (SEE PAGES 7 & 8 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)**

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 20 @ 6:30PM DG VISIT TENNERTON LIONS CLUB PICNIC, BUCKHANNON
CITY PARK, WV**

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

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



New Members for June & July 2023

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Codi Cabrera	Buckhannon Kesling Mill	Stacy Marteney
Rosalyn B Queen	Clarksburg	Betty Waddy
Martha P Levine	Harrison Co HOPE Centennial	Lois Childers
Gregory Lee Hartness	Hedgesville	Michael Shickle
Nettie Gregory	Ireland	Kevin Gregory
Saundra M King	Ireland	Denton King
John D Coppe	Moorefield	William Keplinger
Helen E Edmunds	Moorefield	Margaret Schollar
Bruce E Hall	Inwood Bunker Hill	Daniel Lohr
Patricia A Weaver	Jane Lew	Michael Walker
Stephen L Weaver	Jane Lew	Michael Walker
Robert W Thall Jr	Mountain	Connie Harsh
Linda L Corbin	Romney	Donna See
Dee-Dee Mulledy	Romney	Wanda Rogers



Deceased Member	Club
Glen W Hawkins	Central Upshur
Patty Lorraine Lambernedis	Clarksburg
Nancy Exline-Webb	Lumberport
William H Bean	Moorefield
Jack C Welton	Moorefield
James A Rocchi	East Preston
Joyce A Turner	Mt Storm

Wardensville Lions Club presented our third Service Award to a non-Lion. Tom Austin presented Robert Thompson with a service award certificate and coin at our meeting on June 28th.

Robert has been a good mentor and teacher at East Hardy High School for years. He also runs the light and sound in the High School auditorium.

Since we moved our Quartets on Parade show to the high school Robert has run the sound system for our show. He gets students to come in and help set up risers and opens and locks up the school as well. He does this for us on a volunteer basis. Lion Tom presenting the award to Robert.



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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