



Lions District 29L Newsletter March 2024

Vol 9

DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAN HEINTZMAN



am excited about what he will tell us.

Happy March Lions of 29L!!!! We are a little over two weeks from my District Convention at Grand Pointe Conference Center in Vienna, WV on Saturday, March 16. Doors open at 8am, the cabinet meeting will start at 10am. Still time to register for it. Cost for lunch only is \$45, dinner only is \$45, all day without meals is \$30, and all day with meals is \$80. Your registration needs to be in by Saturday, March 9. We will accept same day registration, but that will be \$10 more. Our quest will be PID Justin Faber from Michigan. I

Due to circumstances beyond anyone's control, we will postpone the district elections until Sunday, April 28 at the State Convention. Candidates must have paperwork submitted to me, CST Kim Ebert, State Secretary Cindy Glass, and Nominations chair Laura Jordan by March 28, 2024. Applications must have the signatures of the candidate, Club secretary, Club president and include the minutes of Club endorsement.

We had a great Council meeting. We saw the location for the West Virginia Lions Convention in April and signed off on the plans for the event. Going to be an exciting weekend April 26-28. Lions from all over West Virginia are invited to attend. Our guest will be Past International President Joe Preston.

I am learning as I go from one end of the district to the other the challenges each Club has. Whether it is the retention of current members, recruiting new members, developing new service projects, and working on new fund-raising activities, the message is the same. One possible solution is to make themselves known in their community. If it is only sending Valentine cards to the local nursing home, sending greetings to the local Veterans home, or handing out cookies to local police and sheriff's deputies. Just let your community know that you are there to serve. One place to start is your local library. They are always looking for support from the community. Don't be afraid to ask your local business for support. You never know what you will find or how much money your Club can get until you ASK.

And finally, as I start the last third of my year as your DG, it has been a blast, but I want to finish strong. If I can help in any way, please ask me.

"Proud 2 B A Lion. R U?" DG Dan - https://lions29l.org/ District website.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S DIARY MARCH 2024

	Zone 2 DG Night (Dallas, West Liberty, Elm Grove, Ohio	
Mar-14	County Virtual)	Dallas, WV
Mar-16	District 29L Convention, (Cabinet Meeting at 10am)	Vienna, WV
Mar-18	Putnam County Lions Club DG Night	Winfield, WV
Mar-19	Liberty Lions Club DG Night	Given, WV
	Barrackville Lions Club DG Night (Rivesville, Western Mon,	
Mar-21	and Clay-Battelle)	Barrackville.WV
Mar-28	Sistersville City Election (I will be working as a poll worker)	Sisterville, WV
Mar-29	Friendly Lions Club Build a Basket	Friendly, WV

If any Club would like me to visit, please let me know so I can get you on my calendar.

2ND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR WILLIAM L. SNYDER

The year is passing quickly, when you have your elections please remember to post



the results with international even if the officers remain the same. Posting ensures that international remains in contact with your club for important information.

Reminder that the district conference and the multi district convention are both approaching quickly. I hope to see many of you there. And as always if there's anything I can do for you please let me know. Make sure you get your delegates to CST Kimwvlscf@gmail.com Kim Ebert.

I look forward to continuing my service to the district

NEWS FROM THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM



Hello, Lions! It's time to consider stepping up to become a leader in your Club and District. Nominations for Officers should be in the offing, with elections in April. New Officers need to be posted with International no later than May 15. Even if your Officers stay the same, they must be reported, so that continuity occurs. If you have questions on how to post your Officers, I am always available.

DG Dan has scheduled a New Member Orientation for April 30 on Google Meets. There will be several Guest Speakers and we hope that you will join us to learn more about Lions International and District 29L. Everyone is welcome, even if you

are not a new Lion. Hope to see you there!

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New Member Orientation

Tuesday Apr 30, 2024 · 7pm – 8pm (Coordinated Universal Time)

New member orientation is open to any Lion who has either been members less than two years or any Lion who just wants to brush up on their Lionism. It will be presented by PDG Terry Snyder and DG Dan Heintzman. PDG Terry will focus on LCI and LCIF and DG Dan will focus on District 29L and the WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation.

Organizer
Daniel Heintzman
deheintzman@gmail.com

VALE DENISE VANDENNBERG

Denise Onchak Vandenberg, 73, of St. Marys, passed on February 11, 2024, after a long illness.

A tenacious lifelong learner who strove for excellence in all she did, Denise was loving, and greatly loved by many. She easily conversed for hours with old friends or people she just met, on a wide range of topics and advocated for a wholistic view of mind, body, spirit, environment, planet, and universe.



Denise was born on August 31, 1950 in Joliet, Illinois, the daughter of George Louis Onchak and the late Pearl Nichols Onchak. She is a 1968 graduate of Joliet Central High School. She earned a BS degree in Engineering Science at Purdue University, and a Masters in Chemical Engineering at Ohio University.

Denise practiced engineering at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, IBM, Union Carbide, St. Marys Refining, and Kemron. Later in life, she became an Eden Energy Medicine Advanced Practitioner.

Her passions included fiber arts (spinning and weaving) and playing violin and viola, including with the River cities symphony orchestra.

Denise is survived by her loving husband of 52 years Tony Vandenberg, sons Abe Vantze (Amber) and Nick Vandenberg (Maryka).

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday March 3, at 1 pm, at St. John Catholic Church, St. Marys, WV. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Pleasants County Humane Society, P.O. Box 110, St. Marys, WV 26170.

WEST VIRGINIA SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND

Recently, the residential students developed, planned, and participated in the annual WVSDB fashion show. The "models" walked the stage looking dapper and dashing in formal, sporting, and casual attire.





















Huntington Down Town Lions Club	102	3/09/1922
Boaz Lions Club	53	3/11/1971
Clay-Battelle Lions Club	55	03/15/1969
Washington Lions Club	60	03/19/1964
Doddridge Co. Lions Club	56	03/26/1968



Few words and MORE tools from your CA1 Leaders





"Ya' gotta have the right tools." -PID Anne Smarsh

New video story from Chairperson Brian: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1509813445712962/

Grants Toolkit: Everything grants. Questions? Information? Applications? Tips for applying? Managing a grant? Contacts? Help your clubs, districts and multiples explore ways LCIF can partner with them: https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit

Stories of Pride: Of course, Anne must put the "stories" link here for you. Telling your LCIF stories enhances your message about how "LCIF serves Lions-and Lions serve the world": LCIF - Stories of Pride (lcifpride.org)

Idea from District 23A: The 23A District Lions Store charges \$5 extra for each item of clothing. Lions know that the \$5 goes to LCIF. Check it out here: https://signsandshirts.com/lions_2ba/shop/home

Keep Leading & Have Fun, Bruce and Anne

Space-tacular Spring Webinar Series 2024! Weds @ 6pm CST

This time around, we will send you a pre-recorded webinar to view before a Live Q & A. Please watch your email inbox for the links to our webinars and submit your questions before the LIVE events below. On the dates below, we will have a LIVE Chat & Challenge on the topics!



Navigating the LCIF Grant Galaxy

Feb 28th

LCIF Data Atlas: Mapping your Path through our **Data Sources**

March 6th

LCIF Stellar Strategies: Maximizing your reach through **Facebook**

March 20th

LCIF Recognition Roadmap: Charting the Course through the Donor Assistance Nebula

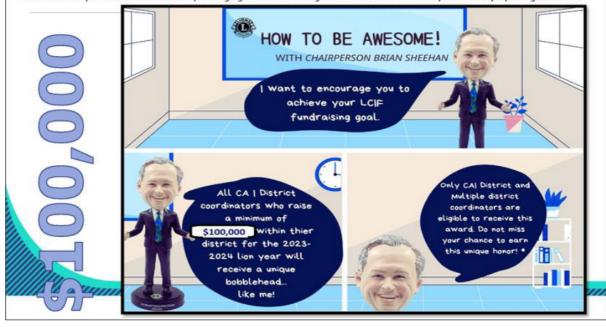
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Greetings from Trustee Jenny Ware! I hope 2024 is starting off well and that your year as an LCIF Coordinator continues to gain momentum. I recently attended the virtual LCIF Board of Trustees' meetings, and many great things are happening! Here are a few of the highlights: The Program Committee approved 121 grants for a total of \$7.3 million dollars globally! It is estimated that these grants will serve almost 6.4 million people around the world! Additionally, Lions Quest is celebrating 40 years of providing children and adolescents with an evidence-based social and emotional learning program. LCIF had over 450 picture submissions for the Melvin Jones Photo contest with over 10,000 electronic votes! Congrats to Lion Prudence Hall in MD 60 for winning in CA1!

It is because of your leadership and support that individual, club, and district donations are increasing and allowing LCIF to continue to Empower Service. Let's keep Changing the World through LCIF and Service! Thank you and keep up the great work!



2024-2025 District 29L Election Call

In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the Standard Form District By-Laws, I hereby issue the Official Call for 2024 District 29L Elections. The District 29L Elections will be held on Sunday, April 28, 2024 as part of the District 29L breakfast at WV State Lions Convention at Glades Springs. Balloting will be done IN PERSON only. Purpose of the Election will be to elect a District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, Trustees to the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, and other elected positions if required. Issued by me on this date, February 20, 2024.

Daniel E. Heintzman, District Governor, 29L

Any Lion who wishes to be a candidate for district office must file an application for candidacy. If you would like an application, send district CST Kim an email (kimebertwv@gmail.com). The application must be received by the District Governor by March 28, 2024. Applications, including minutes of Club endorsement, can be sent by email. The District Governor will then forward all applications to the Nominating Committee for eligibility verification. All applicants will be notified of their eligibility. Offices to be elected are District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, and Sight Foundation Trustee. There are no applications needed for Sight Foundation Trustee. If you are interested in being elected to the Sight Foundation, please email me or CST Kim Ebert. Applications can be sent by email to (deheintzman@gmail.com) or mailed to my home address 305 Hill Street, Sistersville, WV 26175. District elections will be held in person at the district breakfast on April 28, 2024. Each Club should select delegates who are members in good standing. Your Club will receive a letter with your delegate allotment. Clubs must pay their second half international and district dues by April 1, 2024 in order to vote.

Credentials, including alternates, will be mailed to Clubs sometime after April 1, 2024. Credentials will be based on Club membership numbers as of April 1. 2024. You will need a credential in order to vote. Credentials must be signed by the Club secretary.

ZONE MEETING

Lion Scott's upcoming zone meeting. It will be at the Friendly Community Center on Wednesday, March 6 starting at 6:30pm. All members of the Lions Clubs of Paden City, Friendly, Sistersville, New Martinsville, Pleasants Area, and Pine Grove/Shortline are encouraged to attend. Topics for the zone meeting will be the upcoming District 29L Convention, nominations and elections of 24-25 Club officers, and reporting those officers to LCI by May 15, 2024.

Clarification Regarding "Discounted Member" Definition and

Its Implication for District Elections By Steve Glass, PID 29-I

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 15th., 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.

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD



You still have 3 months to earn the Club Excellence Award.

Just go to the LCI Website and search for club excellence award and see requirements to achieve success. Any club can do it.

BARBOURSVILLE LIONS CLUB



Lions Club recognizes hosts of eyeglass collection sites

By MAGGIE SUSA

Weber, the club's secretary and interim president.

The Barboursville Lions Club International, has organized the collection of biscrict 29 in the Lions Club International, has organized the collection of the Club was chartered in 1943, making area for every at long as it has existed. The club was chartered in 1943, making it fill years old.

Last year old.

Last year it collected 4,200 eyeglasses. "We do cataract surgery with our office, and a lot of times after patients will have surgery or whatever they may not need their glasses or they many still need glasses after cataract surgery. however, the prescription is going handless of the blind in the commany, said Tammy Bower, office manager at Marshall Eye Sorgroom. She says the collection box has been at hear is here location for at least 13 years.

During a speech made at the Lions Chab International Convention in 1923, Helen Keller challenged members to





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Dectors Witchout Borders, who take them to people in other countries who need them.

The something I've always enjoyed. Some of the higgest thrills I get putting glasses on 18-manh olds. It's just amazing to watch that," said Sieve Lister, a dual-certified optician at the Walmart Vision Center in Barboursville. His office has been collecting used eyeglasses for at least as long, as he has worked there, IO years.

Lister said when he worked at a Lens Crafters location, which also collected glasses for the same mission, they would get photos back of people in third world countries who had received glasses.

"We would just get jub third world countries that have not had glasses in their whole entire lives and all of a sudden ... it's just like the light comes in it. It's the most sudden ... it's just like the light comes on it. It's the most amazing thing and it's the same reaction that kids give you. When they're little kids, there IB month-olds, they'll fight you and they'll fight and all of a sudden they can reach out to the Barboursville Public Library, Sharon Smith from the Barboursville Public Library. Sharon Smith from the Barboursville Public Library, Sharon Smith from the Barboursville Public Library Sharon Smith from the Barb

Europeans: I drove for three hours and passed through seven countries.

Australians: I drove for twelve hours and I'm still in Western Australia.



CHESTER LIONS CLUB

Chester Chuck the hedgehog and his handler Steve Wilson predict 6 weeks until spring.



They're here! Jelly Beans \$4/bag Graft, Chmamon, Black, Spice



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- Hancock County Savings Bank (available Friday 2/9)
- · Lynn Murray Memorial Library
- Tax & Accounting Solutions
 - Or any Chester Lions Club member Watch for more locations to be added.







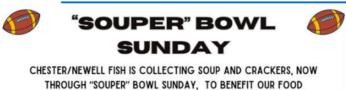






A huge THANK YOU to these Oak Glen High School and Middle School students for helping us take down the winter ornaments from the light poles along Carolina Avenue and put up the Spring and Summer banners.

CHESTER/NEWELL LIONS CLUB



THROUGH "SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY, TO BENEFIT OUR FOOD PANTRY.





DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF ON SATURDAYS BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:30 AND 10:30 A.M.

WE ARE LOCATED IN THE BASEMENT OF THE SACRED HEART CHURCH CENTER 418 FOURTH STREET-CHESTER, WV



Thank you for your support!



When buying snacks for the big game, please remember soup and crackers for Chester/Newell FISH!

CLAY-BATTELLE LIONS CLUB

Clay-Battelle Area Family Service would like to thank the Lions Club for their donation to the Clay-Battelle Area Family Service. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. May God Bless you.

FOLLANSBEE LIONS CLUB



The Club continues to collect glasses and provide eye are for those who cannot afford it.

As with many Clubs, we issue face the advancing age and the inability to do a lot of Service projects, HOWEVER, we "do what we can with what we

have, where we are."(Theodore Roosevelt). We are planning another Blood/Membership Drive, a Poker Run, and of course, Follansbee Community Days.

We are always on the lookout for new Lions and new Service projects suitable to our limitations.

Here's hoping you do the same. Happy Easter everyone!

FRIENDLY LIONS CLUB



Lennie the Friendly Lion from the Friendly Lions Club. Here is to another year of successful fundraising and service projects in District 29L.

The Friendly Lions Club is pleased to announce that we will be the guests of the Boys and Girls Club of Tyler County next Monday afternoon. We will be providing free eye screenings.

Calling all Lions, Leos, Partners, & Community Members! We need your help!!! Lions International has 1.4 million members worldwide, but only 37,900 subscribers to our YouTube channel.

There are currently 2.5 BILLION active users on YouTube... all of which could learn about Lionism if we were able to get more subscribers and engagement on the absolutely incredible videos that Lions Clubs International creates.

The more engagement a YouTube channel gets - the more its videos are shown to other users.

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Build a Basket Easter Event- 29th March – 2.00 p.m.









Lions Club come carried out FREE eye exams for the Boys and Girls Club of Tyler County on 6th February, 2024.

GRANTSVILLE LIONS CLUB

News release from the Lions of District 22W



Effective February 16, 2024, the Deer Park-Swanton Lions Club in Swanton, Maryland has been cancelled by Lions International and is not authorized to conduct service activities or fundraisers as a Lions club nor those former members as Lions. Those interested in working with an authorized Lions club in Maryland counties of Garrett and Allegany should contract the Lions clubs of District 22W.

Deep Creek Lake Lions Club
Grantsville Lions Club
Kitzmiller Lions Club
Oakland-Mountain Lake Park Lions Club
Frostburg Lions Club
Frostburg State University Campus Lions Club
Lonaconing Lions Club
North Branch Lions Club
Potomac Valley Lions Club
Cumberland Lions Club
Flintstone Lions Club
LaVale Lions Club
Mason-Dixon Lions Club

Please advise District 22W if anyone is misrepresenting themselves per this notice as a Lion or as a Lions club at:

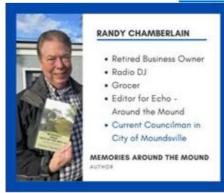
join22wlions@gmail.com





We are at a loss for words in trying to recap how tonight's Team Wyatt benefit dinner went. All we can say is WOW. There is no doubt when a member of our community is in need EVERYONE steps up. We are completely overwhelmed and beyond grateful for the turnout tonight. The fundraiser was more successful than we could have ever imagined. We owe a special thank you to the Grantsville Volunteer Fire Department for hosting us tonight and all the businesses and sponsors that helped out. Also thank you to all the Lions members and community members who volunteered their time. Grantsville Lions Club WE SERVE.

MOUNDSVILLE LIONS CLUB



The Moundsville Lions Club expresses gratitude to Randy Chamberlain, author of "Memories Around the Mound," for his engaging talk at their meeting at the Guest House. He shared captivating excerpts from his book, highlighting impactful events and their significance in people's lives.

Congratulations to freshman, Ilyanna Bradley, was chosen as the Leo Club Student of the Month for January.







The Moundsville Lions Club has acknowledged Memphis Miller from Moundville Middle School and Theo Bradley from John Marshall High School as the Leo Club Students of the Month. Congratulations to both for their outstanding achievement!

NEW CUMBERLAND LIONS CLUB

New Cumberland Hall of Fame's Induction Ceremony was Sunday, February 4th, 1:00 at the New Cumberland Christian Church.

Chick Skinner is this year's living inductee and Lion Edwin Flowers is the deceased inductee.



NEW CUMBERLAND AND CHESTER LIONS CLUB





The New Cumberland and Chester Lions Clubs provided vision screenings to students from Pre-K through 4th grade at New Manchester Elementary School on February 2, 2024. The vision screening identifies unknown issues and allows the student to follow up with an optometrist. Lions Clubs provide assistance with the purchase of glasses for members of their communities who have financial need. Thanks to Principal Cindy Yeater and Assistant Principal Jennifer Enochs for allowing us to serve the students. Lion Tom Hineman from the Chester club assisted New Cumberland Lions Jeanne Cox, Cindy Skerbetz, Jim Wells, and Joyce Young. Photo credits to Lion Cindy Skerbetz.

NEW MARTINSVILLE LIONS CLUB



The New Martinsville Lions Club provided food for three different families. They also helped each child receive a pair of shoes and socks. Thank you, Shoe Sensations, for helping the Lions provide shoes to the children, All items were delivered to the families by the Center for Children and Families and the Wetzel County Family Support Center.

THE OHIO COUNTY VIRTUAL LIONS WANT TO EGG YOUR YARD Order your candy-filled Easter eggs to be scattered at your (or a friend's) house on March 30th. Open to households of all ages in Ohio County. Please place your order by March 15th, so we can ensure your house gets "egged!" PRICING 24 eggs - \$30 48 eggs - \$45 72 eggs - \$65 96 eggs - \$85 Sign up at Tinyurl.com/EggMyYardOCVLC

OHIO COUNTY VIRTUAL LIONS CLUB

The Ohio County Virtual Lions are proud to bring back this fundraiser for the second year. Order your candy-filled eggs before March 15, so we can make sure the Ohio County Virtual Lions can Egg Your Yard!



PADEN CITY LIONS CLUB

D.G. Dan had the pleasure of inducting Lion Jeff Stackpole into the Paden City Lions Club. Welcome Lion Jeff!!!!!

PARKERSBURG LIONS CLUB



Linda Crocker with The Good Shepherd Church aka The Pink Church spoke with us today about their mission to feed the hungry.

These 3 Lions are all Past Presidents of our Club.

Dave Roberts, Cal Malcom, Dwight Marty were our guest speakers.

Cal spoke about his outstanding work ethic as he is now retired.



VIENNA BRANCH CLUB

Congratulations to the Vienna Club Branch of the Friendly Lions Club. They have been officially recognized by LCI as a Club branch as of January 29, 2024.

WHEELING LIONS CLUB

Wheeling Lions Club 2024 Leap Day Project 2024

The Wheeling Lions Club is collecting:

For the Food Blessing Boxes - Canola oil, Olive Oil, and Peanut Butter

For Laughlin Chapel Hygiene Closet - Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

They can be shipped directly from Amazon, Walmart, Target, Sam's Club, etc. to:the" Tail twister." Lion Bill Fisher 65 Clinton Drive, Triadelphia, WV 26059.

Lion Bill is willing to pick up in the Wheeling Area at homes or workplaces..

Club members will deliver items to as many Blessing Boxes as we can based on the support of this project.

Known locations are:

Bethlehem Elementary School Bridge Street Middle School

Elks Lodge #28

Valley Grove Community Center

West Liberty Volunteer Fire Department

Garden Park – Warwood

Soup Kitchen of Greater Wheeling

Hygiene Closet - Laughlin Chapel

WHEELING LIONS CLUB (Cont.)



Preston Smith was the guest at our Wheeling Lions Club meeting, talking to us about Eight Days of Hope ministry. https://eightdaysofhope.com.

WHEELING ISLAND LIONS CLUB



We know it's early, but who can stop thinking about spring!?! Mark your calendars for your beautiful flowers 🕰



WILLIAMSTOWN LIONS CLUB



WILLIAMSTOWN, W.Va. (WTAP) - The Lion's Club Playground Committee has been wanting to add more things to Tomlinson Park.

The Lion's Club serves the community by helping out with what needs done. They have different projects set up in different areas.

"The Lion's Club is a service group we have a motto that is 'We Serve' and so we serve the community in a number of different ways. Everyone remembers that the Lion's Club is focused on site but we have a number of different service projects in different areas." said Mike Young, Chairman of the playground committee.

They have been wanting to add new equipment for a few years now and they have just installed a wheel chair accessible merry-go-round. As they continue to raise money, the additions will continue.

"We've been focused on putting some equipment into the park for several years and as we continue to raise funds, we continue to add new equipment to the playground area." said Young.

Young shares how the new addition is already a big hit to the community. The weather cooperated today and many kids were out already enjoying the new addition.

"We serve the community a number of ways and it's just been really fulfilling to see as soon as we got the equipment in it's being used everyday as we drive by the park and see it." said Young.

Young expressed how this not only is a new addition, but it makes the park more inclusive.

A ribbon cutting will be held for the merry-go-round at a later date once the weather warms up.

The Lion's Club will be hosting a Paint Collection fundraising opportunity April 27th at the Welcome Center.

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STATE CONVENTION APRIL 26TH – 28TH, 2024.

The deadline for Glade Springs to hold sleeping rooms is Feb 25th 2024.

If you are planning to attend, please make your reservation so you will be assured of having a room at the Lion's pricing.

Their Toll-Free Number is 1 877 814 7316

Hoping to see you there.

Pete Johnson

Convention Chair.

CAMP KNO-KOMA

\$75,000 IN DIABETES/TENNIS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE:

The application portal will open February 1 for the 2024 Novo Nordisk Donnelly Scholarship. The program, in its 26th year, will be distributing scholarships to 12 high school or college students who play tennis on a team or in tournaments and are living with diabetes. \$75,000 in scholarship funds will be available as follows: Two (2) National Winners in the amount of \$10,000 each; Ten (10) Regional Winners in the amount of \$5,000 each. The scholarships are intended to support the student's cost of

tuition, educational materials, and other related expenses at the college or university the student selects. There are also two (2) coach awards of \$2,500 each, available to tennis professionals or coaches who teach tennis and live with diabetes. The title sponsor of the Donnelly Scholarship is Novo Nordisk and other supporting sponsors include Dexcom, Tandem Diabetes Care and Cecelia Health. The application deadline is May 1, 2024. For more information, please click on the link below or contact Diane Stone

at dmdstone@comcast.net.





Camp Kno-Koma is one of our various Lions charities that we WV Lions support. They do a wonderful job every summer with the diabetic kids in WV.

We are currently taking applications for camp counsellors. Go to https://campknokoma.com/counselor to apply. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2024. As you can see in the picture, we had a fine-looking crew at Camp KnoKoma 2023.

2024 DISTRICT 29L CALENDAR

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

2024 District 29L Convention	
PARADE OF CHECKS	
CLUB:	
Our Club is making the following donation(s) to the various Lions Charities that District 29L suports for 2023-2024	
CHARITY	\$
LCIF MJF Yes/No	
WVLSCF LJF Yes/No	
Camp Kno-Koma	
Deaf & Blind Rec	
Diabetes Awareness/LEHP	
Romney Work Program	
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Leo Program	
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YOUTH EXCHANGE

The best two weeks in the US - Annika Toivari

On July 31st 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 1st. of August was the first morning. I told my hosts that I am not a picky eater so they wanted to test it out right away with some grits and 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 travelled 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!

PLACES TO GO AND THINGS TO SEE IN MELBOURNE WHILE AT CONVENTION





12 Apostles Great Ocean Road`

Melbourne Skyline





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The Lions Club of Clarksburg invites you to join us for a celebration of our 100th 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:
$\hfill \square$ Salads – Tossed green salad, herb pasta salad, tomato, onion and cucumber salad
☐ Entrees – Roast Beef and Stuffed Chicken Breast
$\hfill\square$ 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:

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.

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29L DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION

March 16th, 2024.

Grand Pointe Conference Centre

1500 Grand Central Avenue

VIENNA, WV.

Registration Fees for Lions, Sponsors and Guests.

Convention All Day - Lunch and Dinner - \$80.00.

Convention – Dinner Only - \$45.00.

Convention – No Meals - \$30.00.

MENU:

Lunch - Sandwiches with Soup or Salads.

Dinner - Chicken Cordon Bleu/Baked Steak, Sides and Desserts.

Drinks: - All Day Coffee, Iced Tea (Both), Ice Water and Hot Water.

Please Indicate any Dietary Restrictions.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE MARCH 9th, 2024.

Late Registration \$10.00 extra per person.

PLEASE NOTE:

Business Casual Dress – no jeans, shorts or camo.

Voting will take place at 3.00 p.m. Doors will be shut no admittance either way until voting is complete.







29L DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

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Lion	Spouse		Guest	
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