

## 29I DISTRICT NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2023



When confronted by a serious issue do you hear yourself saying?  
" They should do something about that!"  
Haven't you realized that "they" is actually you?

November:

Well, we did it! The 2023-2024 District 29-I Conference is part of history. A lot of fun and work made it worthwhile. It was a good time with great music from our Lion Friends, Danny Miller & Connie Taylor as the "DC DUO" from the Tunnelton Lions Club and Lion Dennis Filler from the Parsons Club.

International Director, Marie Cunning and travel companion, Rosemarie Gabriel, were well received and blended into the activities seamlessly. The Newsletter will have scenes of the conference. You can also view scenes on Lion Steve Glass' Facebook. I wish to thank the Members of the Valley District Lions Club: Lions Rick Thorn & wife, Midge, Lorrie Nielsen, Carrie Long-Cress, and Don Kenyon. Mountain Lions Club Members: John & Jeanette Adams and Jerry & Barbara Hauser. Fort Ashby Lions Club: Doug & Sue Long, Rob & Mary Jane Bright, and Renee Douthitt. Also, a BIG "Thank You" to PID Steve & PCC Cindy Glass for transportation of our International Director Marie & friend, Rosemarie.

Most of all, I want to Thank PCC Sue Long for her untiring effort in pulling the events together. We could not have done it without her. Many "Thanks" to Doug Long who filled in as an Alternate District Treasurer and Mary Jane Bright served as Alternate Secretary for the conference. Last, but not least, I want to thank my wife, Judy, for all the time, effort, and gifts she put into making the conference different than most. For those of you who did not attend, you missed a great opportunity to socialize and increase your Lion Family.

One of the main goals of this year is to ensure that our club officers and club members have current and updated information tools available to allow their clubs to provide the best services to those we serve. However, we cannot do this if your participation is lacking. Training meetings where less than 30% of those who should attend and Zone meetings where presidents and or secretary do not attend. It is not an acceptable standard. Training for both new officers and those who have held positions for longer periods is critical to our being able to bring new members into our clubs, maintain current members and provide a service to those in need. Zone meetings are a critical part of our District set up. They are the

bridge between the Club and the District. Presidents and secretaries along with other invited club members are members of the Zone committee and are expected to attend the Zone Meetings.

If you are unable to attend a scheduled meeting/training, as a courtesy, please let those members know as they have spent time and effort organizing the event. Training/meetings are set up based upon the anticipated attendance. Yes, we all need to be updated on what is going on and changes being made. Training is not done just to say we have conducted training, it is for your benefit. Every Club has a Constitution and Bylaws. This information is your guiding light as to the duties and responsibilities of the Club Officers. One of the questions that the Zone Chairperson should ask, "is do you have a copy of the Club's Constitution and Bylaws?" I have been told, "yes, we have them somewhere." I have even been told "no, I have not read them." Please check out your Club's "Constitution and Bylaws."

Being District Governor has allowed me the great privilege of visiting Clubs. This is the best part of being a Governor. I have met so many great Lions and feel like I am a part of their Lion family. Most of you should be proud of your Club and the services you are providing. Willingness to accept change is hard for some, but willingness to change is HOPE!

We now have a First Vice District Governor, Lion Kim Mason, from the Berkeley Springs Lions Club, and a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, Lion Greg Greenwalt, of the Moorefield Lions Club. The 29-I Cabinet Directory will be updated to reflect the two new members of the District Cabinet.

Have a wonderful November. Remember to stay safe when removing snow and driving in it. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

**"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." (Maya Angelou)**

**"Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished bay people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope "(Dale Carnegie)**



Thanks to the generosity of several Lions Clubs, we collected almost \$1800 in gift cards during our 29I Fall Conference for the families whose children are cancer patients at WVU Children's Hospital. We have a nice variety of Visa Cards, restaurant gift cards, gas and grocery store cards. Thank you so much to all clubs and individuals who donated. The cards will be delivered during the last week of October.

***Childhood Cancer Chairperson Lion Cindy Glass***

# CONGRATULATIONS

PCC Sue Long and Lion Diana Bidell were presented a Leonard Jarrett Award from District 29I



Presidential Appreciation Awards were presented to: Lion Diana Bidell, Lion Lorrie Nelson, and Lion Brendan Byrnes.



DG Kermit, PCC Barb Fishel and PCC Pete Johnson  
PCC Barb is the recipient of The Evan Hugus Award  
presented by the WVU Eye Institute



ID Marie Cunning, PID Steve Glass and DG Kermit



DG Kermit & Lion Judy Harder



Lions Carrie Long & John Engel



PCC Rosemarie Gabriel & ID Marie Cuning

Lion George Street

PhD Visvanathan Ramamurthy



# FRIDAY NIGHT FUN AT THE 291 CONFERENCE



DG Kermit presents a Gold Medal and certificate of appreciation to PCC Sue Long for her hard work and dedication as the Conference Chair.

Lion Judy asked if anyone in attendance had sponsored at least 10 new Lions in their club. Lion Renee Douthitt was the only Lion who met that request. Lion Judy crowns Lion Renee as Queen of Membership.



# AND THE FUN CONTINUES INTO SATURDAY...



Group photo of hardworking Lions at the Conference



Silent Auction Workers Jerry & Barbara Houser and Jeanette Adams from Mountain Lions Club



50/50 Sellers Lion Renee Douthitt & PCC Rob Bright from Fort Ashby Lions Club







District Governor Night with clubs from Bridgeport, Nutter Fort, Stonewood and Grafton - left - Jeff Lawrence (Stonewood), Kathy Oliverio (Nutter Fort), Diana Bedell (Zone 8 chair), DG Kermit, John Vash (Bridgeport) and Frank Sturm (Grafton). Bridgeport Lion Robin Faris presenting DG a Kermit the frog hat.



PDG Gray Jones presented new member orientation and club officer training to Lions from Zone 8 (Bridgeport, Nutter Fort and Clarksburg were present) and Zone 5 members from the Philippi Lions.



The Hedgesville Lions Club installed 2 new members September 21. Pictured left to right in picture is Lion President Delmar Barrett, Zone chairman Lion David Plume, new members Lion John Valasek, Lion Rebecca Valasek, new member sponsor Lion Kevin Corrigan.



Hedgesville Lions Club Donates. The Hedgesville Lions Club at their regular meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> gave a \$500 dollar check to the Hedgesville loaves and fishes which is part of the Hedgesville community of churches. Pictured from left to right are Delmar Barret Lions President, Karen Bethke Co-coordinator for Hedgesville loaves and fishes, Lion Mike Shickle Treasurer.



On 10/11/2022 DG Visit with Lost Creek & Johnstown Clubs. L to R: Zone 9 Chairperson Jeff Barnhardt, Johnstown President Larry Smith, DG Kermit and Lost Creek President Seve Hicks.



Lion Judy, DG Kermit and Lion Worthy Hall who has been a member of the Lost Creek Lions Club for 64 years.



L to R: PCC Cindy Glass, DG Kermit, HOPE Lions Club President Bob Garcia, Lions Ryan & Laura Kennedy with daughter Abigail (future Lion) and Club Secretary Lois Childers.



DG Visit with Junior & Phillipi Lions Clubs. L to R: Lion Dana Booth, Melvin Jones; Lion Marshall Reed; Lion Ted Ware, Melvin Jones; Lion Nancy Ware, Leonard Jarrett; DG Kermit; Lion Sue Edwards, Leonard Jarrett and Lion Jim Tallman, Leonard Jarrett.



L to R: Zone Chair Lion Millard Minor & sponsor; new Phillippi Lions Club Member Beth Longo; DG Kermit; new Junior Lions Club Member Keeah Ware & sponsor Lion Nancy Ware.

DG Visit at Jane Lew Lions Club



Lion Lorrie and District Lions Club Preston School.



Lion Judy Harder from the Valley handing out candy at West



The Fort Ashby Lions Club built a box to store books for students at the Frankfort Primary School. L to R: PCC Rob, Club President; Dawn Burke, FPS Principal; Lion John Douthitt, Club 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President and PCC Doug Long, Club Secretary. Lions John and Doug built the box for the library books.



## District 29-I Lions

### **Scholarship Application for First Time Attendee to WV Lions Leadership Retreat** **January 26-28, 2024**

**Note:** Five scholarships (\$105 each) will be awarded. This amount covers registration for meals and classes – not lodging at Days Inn, Flatwoods.

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club/Date Joined: \_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby submit an application for a “First-Timer Scholarship” to the 2024 West Virginia Lions Leadership Retreat being held at Days Inn, Flatwood, WV, January 26-28, 2024.**

*(Please indicate below why you are interested in attending Leadership Retreat; if you have held any club offices; and any other pertinent information. Use a separate sheet if needed.)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Deadline to Apply: December 20, 2023**

**Please send application to: DG Kermit Hawley, 16047 Veterans Memorial Hwy.,  
Kingwood, WV 26537 or via email at: [valleylionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:valleylionsclub@gmail.com)**



The Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat will be held at the Days Inn in Flatwoods on January 26-27-28, 2024. Yea, that right **3 Days**. We will be going back to when the school was created with three whole days of topnotch speakers, super presenters with great topics.

Our keynote speaker will be PID Larry Edwards from Altoona, Pennsylvania. Did I mention FOOD, yes Friday dinner, Saturday lunch & dinner, and Sunday lunch.

WOW!! **All 3 days just \$105.00 or Saturday \$75.00**

Breakfast is free when you are lodging at the Day's Inn

What about the seminars, there will be 12 different and informative topics like:

- Basic Roles & Responsibilities of the Big 4
- Promoting the Image of Lionism
- Diversity and Generation Difference
- Effective Public Speaking
- Strategic Planning and Developing SMART Goals
- Leadership Fundamentals
- The Roles & Responsibilities of Being a Zone Chairperson
- Developing Effective Teams
- Presentation Preparation
- Conflict Resolution
- The Vidal Roles of the District Governor and Resources Available for Support
- Orientation from a Different Perspective: Focusing on the Member's Needs

Room Rates:

- Kings \$110.00 + taxes per night
- Double Queen \$102.00 + taxes per night
- Suites \$150.00 + taxes per night
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**So set your sites and your calendar on coming to the Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat *"BE INSPIRED"***

YIL,  
PCC Ken Shahan  
LWVLR Chair

# LIONS OF WEST VIRGINIA LEADERSHIP RETREAT

***"BE INSPIRED"***

January 26-28, 2024

Flatwoods Days Inn & Suites and Conference Center

Registration Deadline: January 13, 2024

Register for the  
retreat online at

<https://forms.gle/rDxYax8htYF2CF3H6>

Registration Fee:

\$105.00 Friday, Saturday, Sunday – Four banquet meals, seminars & materials

\$75.00 Saturday only – Two banquet meals, seminars & materials

Rooms: Contact Days Inn at 866-700-7284 (Tell them you are with the Lions Club)

Rate: \$102.00 Double Queen (up to 4 guests in a room) King \$110.00

Deadline to Reserve: 1/13/2024

Breakfast is included for individuals staying at the hotel.

Retreat activities include: Seminars to improve your Lions experience, motivational speakers, informational displays, Lions merchandise, Silent Auction, hospitality room, door prizes, great meals, and plenty of fun and fellowship. Information on specific seminars will be provided in District newsletters, a brochure, and website: <http://wvlions.org/LeadershipSchool/home.html>

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: Fri, Sat, Sun \$105 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Only \$75 \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat or LWVLR and send with form to:

PCC Ken Shahan, 1641 Adams Avenue, Clarksburg, WV 26301

Contact **PCC Ken Shahan** for more information at [kenshahan@aol.com](mailto:kenshahan@aol.com) or 304-669-1641.





## SILENT AUCTION

We will be having a **Silent Auction** at the upcoming Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat to be held on January 26-28, 2024 at Days Inn, Flatwoods, WV. To make this happen we are asking the assistance of **EVERY** club attending.

If each club would donate **one item**, there will be a great variety to **bid** on when you come to the Leadership Retreat. Possible ideas would be:

- ◆ Handmade craft items
- ◆ Special piece of glassware
- ◆ Specialty or theme baskets
- ◆ Gift certificates or packages
- ◆ Golf items
- ◆ Bottles or baskets of wine
- ◆ Seasonal decorations
- ◆ WVU or Marshall Items
- ◆ Lions' items
- ◆ Food baskets
- ◆ Wreaths
- ◆ Jewelry

It is hoped the items donated would be enticing enough that YOU will be willing to consider bidding.

Proceeds from the auction will be used to help defray the costs of the Leadership Retreat so that everyone in the multiple district will consider attending. This is a time to gather and grow as leaders, as well as enjoy the fellowship of Lion friends from around the multiple district and neighboring states.

We hope you will consider this request. Please complete the form below and send it to **Lion Paula Shahan** ([paulashahan@aol.com](mailto:paulashahan@aol.com)) and let her know what type of item you or your club will donate. We look forward to hearing from you.

Lion Paula Shahan (304-629-5091)



ITEM BEING DONATED \_\_\_\_\_

SUGGESTED STARTING BID \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you in advance for your participation and support!!*



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

## DAY(S) OF GIVING ... AND THANKS

November is upon us. In the US we celebrate Thanksgiving this month. It's a good opportunity to reflect upon all that we are thankful for. Family, friends, community, and belonging to a great Service organization Lions Clubs International.

Right after Thanksgiving comes Giving Tuesday, November 28, 2023. Let that day be a reminder that we individual Lions can donate to LCIF and be assured that 100% of that donation goes to LCIF grants and programs, and LCIF's global causes.



Ways to give:

- Donate on line at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>
- By check, to  
Lions Clubs International Foundation  
Department 4547  
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

Kindness Matters

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

## **NOVEMBER**

NOV 2 @ 6:30PM, DG VISIT, MOUNTAIN LIONS CLUB, LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED

NOV 3-4 DISTRICT C CONFERENCE, PIPESTEM STATE PARK

NOV 6 @ ELKINS LIONS CLUB, DG VISIT

NOV 9 @ 6:30PM, DG VISIT, BRUCETON MILLS LIONS CLUB, SENIOR CENTER,  
BRUCETON

NOV 13 @ 6:30PM, DG VISIT, WEST MILFORD LIONS CLUB, COMMUNITY CENTER,  
MAIN STREET, WEST MILFORD

NOV 14 @ 6:30PM, DG VISIT, BERKELEY SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

NOV 25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

## **JANUARY**

JAN 26-28 LIONS LEADERSHIP RETREAT, FLATWOODS CONFERENCE CENTER

## **MARCH**

MARCH 16 DISTRICT 29L CONFERENCE, VIENNA CONFERENCE CENTER

## **APRIL**

APRIL 26-28 MD29 CONVENTION, GLADE SPRINGS RESORT



DECEASED MEMBER	CLUB
Leonard D Drake	Jane Lew
Jack W. Miller	Philippi



New Member	Club	Sponsor
Madison K Glover	Bruceton Mills	Susan Moran
Lori L Smith	Bruceton Mills	Crystal Thomas
Tamela Broadstone	Elkins	Steve Lindsay
Richard W Bosley Sr	Fort Ashby	Joshua Bosley
Leisa G Jones	Grafton	Franklin M Sturm
Andrew Thomas Simon	Lost Creek	Jackson Smith
Arnold Lenz	Martinsburg	
Wendy Branson	Moorefield	Craig Hose
Robert Booter Ryan	Petersburg	Gray Vanmeter
Diane Niedzialkowski	Shepherdstown	Sandy Brown



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



## 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](mailto:tennertonlionsclub@gmail.com)

### AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

#### DISTRICT 29I DIABETIC AWARENESS PIN

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



Cost: \$4.00 per pin

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<<https://forms.gle/5SjrjRWvYl257U1aA>>, contact your local club  
president, or contact District 29I Diabetes Chairperson Lion  
Brendan Byrne at [lionbrendanbyrne@gmail.com](mailto:lionbrendanbyrne@gmail.com)



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