



LEAD TO COURAGE, SERVE WITH HEART!

DISTRICT 29-L
(WV-USA)



Roaring into the New Lion Year: A Time for Service and Leadership

By District Governor Kim Ebert

As we step into the exciting Lion year ahead, we embrace a powerful opportunity to lead with courage and serve with heart. Already, clubs have started their year out strong with meaningful service projects, setting the tone for a year full of impact. I am deeply thankful for those who have stepped up to lead, setting an inspiring example for us all. Together, we will continue to uplift one another, delivering services that transform lives and strengthens our bonds, making a difference for **that one**! If you would like to serve, I have a place for you! Let's seize this new chapter with enthusiasm and pride, knowing that every small act of kindness and every bold leadership step brings us closer to a brighter future. Here's to a year full of courage, connection, and community — the true spirit of Lionism!

IMPORTANT DATES

8/9 - District 29L Cabinet Meeting, Quinet's Restaurant, New Martinsville

8/23 - Council of Governors Meeting, Nutter Fort

9/18-9/20 - USA/Canada Forum —Atlantic City, NJ

10/02 - DG Visit—Mt. Olivet Lions Club

10/20 - DG Visit—Doddridge County Lions Club

10/28 - DG Visit—New Cumberland Lions Club

11/6 - DG Visit—Follansbee Lions Club

As your District Governor, I'm looking forward to an exciting year of service and connection! I would love the opportunity to visit your club, get to know your members, and learn more about the amazing work you're doing in your communities. Please email me at kimwvlscf@gmail.com with an invitation or to schedule a visit. I'm truly excited to meet everyone and celebrate the impact we make together!

2025-2026 29-L CABINET

Kim Ebert, Governor
Tony Vandenberg, 1st Vice Governor
Jay Houser, LCIF Chairman
Bill Syphers, Sec/Treas
Bernice Pitcock, GLT
Gary Pitcock, GMT/GET
Ramona Sago, GST
Dave Roberts, IPDG
Ramona Sago, Administrator
Kristine Quinn, Newsletter Editor
Kathy Syphers, IT
Amy Houser, Environmental
Eva Dague, Leo
Paul Amhrein, Sight/Hearing & WVU Eye Institute
Michelle Harshbarger, Youth EX (A)
Patty Nutter, Youth Ex (E)
Lori Roberts, District Conference
Dave Sheltin, Reading Action Program
Richard McMillan, Guide Dogs
Dave Sago, Peace Poster
Amy Houser, Sight Equipment Coordinator
Paul Amhrein, Sight Foundation Trustee

ZONE CHAIRS

Zone 1 - Vacancy
Zone 2 & 3 - Kristine Quinn
Zone 4 - Scott Beaver
Zone 5 - Lori Roberts
Zone 6 – Lori Roberts
Zone 7 - Vacancy
Zone 8 - Karen Dudas-Hall

The Sight Foundation has funds to help those in need of sight and hearing issues. These funds are used NOT for eyeglasses but for procedures of the eyes that are much needed that the club cannot afford. For example: surgery for the removal of cataracts!

There is a process to this service. First the person in need fills out the application, the Service Coordinator gets the application and reviews it for eligibility. They contact a service provider in the area. WE ARE IN NEED OF A SERVICE COORDINATOR FOR OUR DISTRICT! If you would like to serve in this position, please contact Lion Paul ASAP. We cannot have applications reviewed if we do not have a service coordinator. The lions' clubs in our area support the foundation very well. However, we do not look for those individuals in our area who need help. There is money available to help those who qualify.



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CONNECTEDNESS

To me, Lionism provides an excellent way for us humans to achieve connectedness. I think the prime purpose for our existence on this planet is for us to practice, feel, and achieve connection to our fellow humans, to our communities at all scales, and to our planet. In short, belief in the common good. Our motto "We Serve" speaks directly to this.

As we head into the second month of this Lions year, I suggest that you ask yourself how connected am I and how connected our Club is, to our communities and to Lions International's global causes: childhood cancer, diabetes, disaster relief, environment, humanitarian, hunger, vision and youth? Recognize and celebrate all that you and your Lions Club do as we strive for excellence and innovation.

Under the leadership of your new club officers, District Governor Kim Ebert, and International President A. P. Singh of India, we shall have a great year. Let me know if I can help in any way.



Is your club planning a vision testing in your community?
To reserve your sight equipment, the contact is now
Lion Amy Houser
304-200-0146 (text or call)
WilliamstownLionsClub@yahoo.com

Sight Equipment Calendar

Vision Testing Equipment Reservations
No reservations



IN MEMORY OF:

Lion Jim McKnight from Pleasants Area Lions Club passed away July 13, 2025. Condolences to his family and friends

REMEMBER THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ITEMS TO BE IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER IS THE 20TH OF EACH MONTH!! LET'S SHARE THE NEWS OF WHAT IS GOING ON AND WHAT OUR CLUB IS UP TO! PLEASE SUBMIT IT TO KRISTINE QUINN AT TRABBOLD769@COMCAST.NET.

NOT JUST LIONS BUT LIONS MAKING A HUGE DIFFERENCE! CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE SUPER LIONS!!



Congratulations to Lion Bill Bell on being named WV History Teacher of the Year AND his appointment to the West Virginia House of Delegates!! Lion Bill is the President of the Paden City Lions Club

Congratulations to Lion Jody Miller on being named 2025 Ohio Valley Remarkable Woman of the Year! Lion Jody is a member of the Elm Grove Lions Club. She went to Los Angeles, CA to compete nationally with 125 other women. Lion Jody has founded a Heather Miller Memorial Scholarship Foundation in honor of her daughter, Heather Miller, that was tragically killed in a drunk driving crash. This foundation raises money and awards scholarships to nursing students. Lion Jody is also the founder of the Wheeling MADD Chapter and is active in promoting organ donation.

LCIF has closed out fiscal 2024-2025 and issued reports.

- 29 L finished at 106% of the goal set at the start of the year by LCIF and based on a United States \$/member at the start of the year. Total donations were \$31,650 vs. the goal of \$29,885.
- From the Portal, 47% of the US districts met their goals and the US wide total was 120% of the collective goal.
- There are another \$390 in donations that I know of and not yet credited in the “Recap of Donations” report. They may / probably will show up in 2025-2026.
- There are \$140 in cash donations to be credited to 29 L from the Lions State Convention yet to process, plus a Club donation of \$50.
- A donation check, \$200 from the Moundsville Lion Club for the Parade of Checks, has cleared the bank but hasn’t shown up in LCIF reports. I am determined to chase that down and get it credited to the Club.
- Donations came from 29 Lions Clubs (63%), either the Club as a whole, or their individual Lions.
- Donations were made by 46 individual Lions. That is 4.7% of July 1, 2024, membership of 983.

Thank you, 1st Vic Governor Tony Vandenberg, for all your hard work over the last 3 yrs and this report.

Thanks for all you do,
PDG Jay Houser (LCIF Coordinator 29L)
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We are completing our zoom trainings for officers at present. Please let me know if someone else might need training after this, we can set a special training if needed.

The following information was written by Eric Partaker for The CEO Accelerator:

6 Simple Leadership Lessons that Make a Big Impact

- Stop Having All the Answers – ask more questions; use your team to discover better solutions than just you alone.
- Celebrate Effort – not just wins. Recognize the process, not just the outcome. Motivate and keep progress steady – even during setbacks.
- Slow Down to Speed Up – pause to reflect before charging forward. Clear thinking helps you stay focused and avoid missteps.
- Turn Feedback into a Dialogue – LISTEN, discuss and co-create solutions for stronger buy-in and better results.
- Share the “Why” Behind Decisions – explain the big picture.
- Lead by Letting Go – empower your team to own decisions. Trust creates accountability and frees YOU to focus on bigger priorities.



Well, we are in our second month of our new Lions year. Did you know that August 12th is International Youth Day? It might be a good idea to have your club do something for the youth in your community. If you have a park or a large school lot you might want to have games and maybe some refreshments there. Also have a good bit of Lions' information on hand for the parents to take home.

In the past, I have posted ways to try and get new members and to “show off” your club. Many of you who have been around for a while will remember where there were clubs that do not exist anymore. If you feel that we can work to put a new club back in that area – please let me know. More clubs mean more hands to help!

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Gary

ZONE 2 & 3 COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS—(MOUNDSVILLE, MT. OLIVET, DALLAS, OHIO COUNTY VIRTUAL LIONS, ELM GROVE, WARWOOD, WHEELING, WHEELING ISLAND, WEST LIBERTY LION CLUBS)

LIONS RELIEF DAY SHOPPING & HELEN KELLER ANNIVERSARY EYE EVENT



THE LIONS CLUBS IN THE TWO ZONES WANTED TO HELP THE FLOOD VICTIMS FROM VALLEY GROVE, A DISASTER RELIEF GRANT WAS APPLIED FOR AND GRANTED FOR \$15,000. Plus, we had our local clubs donate additional money to the cause giving a total of \$19,441.47!

Week of July 21

Funds Collected		
LCIF		\$15,000.00
Local Lions Clubs & Individuals		\$4,441.47
Total Funds available		\$19,441.47
As of July 26, 2025		
	211 people helped	
	1991 Items bought	

Additional funds will be shared the week of August 4th.

HELEN KELLER ANNIVERSARY SIGHT EVENT



The clubs in Zone 2 and Zone 3 held an eye event celebrating the Anniversary of Helen Keller asking the Lions Club to be the Ambassador for Sight. The beneficiary to this fundraiser was The Seeing Hand in Wheeling, WV. The amount raised for this fantastic organization was \$285.00. We provided eye exams and information from the Seeing Hand and information for eye health and safety.

The **Williamstown Lions Club** celebrated its 8th Annual Flags for Heroes during the July 4th holiday in conjunction with the Annual Pancake Breakfast in the park. To date, over \$50,000 has been raised to purchase equipment for Tomlinson Park in Williamstown including wheelchair accessible playground equipment, cornhole boards, and bench swings. If you'd like information about having a Flags for Heroes display, please feel free to contact Lion Amy Houser at 304-200-0146 or PDG Jay Houser at 304-580-6322.



LEAD TO SERVE – SERVE TO LEAD President AP Singh

Our International President

International President A.P. Singh, a successful businessman from Kolkata, India, believes true leadership is about serving others, and that leadership and service go hand in hand. With decades of experience as a Lion, President Singh is focused on achieving our *MISSION 1.5* goals so we can grow our membership everywhere we serve and increase our impact every time we serve.

