



**DISTRICT 29-L  
(WV-USA)**

☀️ **Get Ready, District 29L!** ☀️

***By District Governor Kim Ebert***

Mark your calendars for **March 14, 2026**, and plan to join Lions from across District 29L for a conference that will **re-energize your passion for service and leadership**. Our District Conference is more than a meeting—it's a time to reconnect with fellow Lions, celebrate the impact we make in our communities, and gain fresh ideas you can take back to your club.

Expect **inspiring speakers**, meaningful fellowship, recognition of outstanding service, and the opportunity to refocus on why we serve. Whether you're a new Lion or a seasoned leader, this conference is your chance to grow, be inspired, and help shape the future of Lionism in our district.

Come ready to **lead with courage, serve with heart, and be part of something bigger than any one club**. I can't wait to see you there! The registration form is included with this newsletter.



**IMPORTANT DATES**

Jan 17 – Council of Governors Meeting – Cannan Valley

March 13 – 14 – District 29L Conference

May 15 – 16 - Multiple District 29 State Convention

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 [kimwvlsf@gmail.com](mailto:kimwvlsf@gmail.com) with an invitation or to schedule a visit. I'm truly excited to meet everyone and celebrate the impact we make together!

**District Governor Calendar**

Fairmont Lions February 12  
Moundsville Lions February 24  
Williamstown Lions March 5  
District 29L Conference March 13 - 14  
Wheeling Lions March 18  
Dallas Lions March 19  
WV Lions State Convention May 15 – 17

## 2025-2026 29-L CABINET

Kim Ebert, Governor  
Tony Vandenberg, 1st Vice Governor  
Lori Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



**Lion Tony Vandenberg**

**First Vice District Governor**

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### **Salt and Light**

My attention has recently been drawn to the concept of salt and light. Searching the internet for “how to be salt and light in the world today” gives interesting thoughts. You may recognize guidance along these lines from religions and social teachings. Here is some of what has come to my mind, as we continue our Lions Club year.

## Light

Light is necessary for human eyes to see the world, our loved ones, or how we can serve our communities. Helen Keller called upon Lions to be Knights of the Blind – and we do so, by helping people obtain eyeglasses, vision screenings, eyesight research. We spread light by looking for ways to serve our communities, local, state, national, international. We Lions individually, or as a Club help address Lions global causes; support Lions Clubs International Foundation, the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation and West Virginia state service projects; and help guide young people to become leaders, for instance through Leo Clubs.

We spread light and we see light in others by being open to ideas, points of view, and working together for the common good; making a point to look for Service opportunities; promoting peace within our Clubs, communities, and country; being a Servant Leader.

## Salt

Over many centuries, salt has been used as both a preservative and flavor enhancer. The right amount of salt is necessary for human life: too little or too much can damage health. And that amount is small, as evidenced by laboratory tests. Similarly, the right amount of salt, a tiny fraction of the pot's contents, in chicken soup makes it delicious. So, a small amount goes a long way.

None of us can solve all the world's problems. In our Lions Clubs and communities, "small" acts, mere ideas or suggestions, or a smile, all perform like salt to preserve and enhance our Service and Fellowship. By helping others and taking away even a tiny fraction of their pain, that is kindness, goodness and service.

Let's continue to do what we can to be salt and light in the world. Please let me know about upcoming service projects, events and significant meetings. I hope to be able to attend.

# **Strengthening Our Pride Through Service Reporting**

As we enter the second half of our Lions year, this is the moment to reinforce one of our most important responsibilities: **reporting on our service**.

Every hour served, every person helped, every project completed — it all matters. But it only becomes part of our legacy when it's recorded. Accurate reporting:

- **Shows the true impact** our club makes in the community
- **Strengthens our district and global Lions data**, helping secure grants and resources
- **Ensures our projects are recognized**, celebrated, and supported
- **Inspires other clubs** by showing what's possible
- **Protects our future**, because unreported service looks like service that never happened

We serve because we care, not for credit — but reporting is how we honor the work, the volunteers, and the people we help. It's how we make sure our service counts.

I will continue to reach out to clubs to see if they need help in getting their service reporting done. Support is always available, and no club should feel they have to navigate this alone.

As we move forward, let's commit to timely reporting so our club's impact shines as brightly as the service we deliver.

# “Did You Know about the Melvin Jones Fellowship Challenge?”

Every time a club presents a **Melvin Jones Fellowship**, it honors more than a member’s dedication. It honors the spirit of the man who started it all.

## Key Reasons the MJF Matters

- It recognizes Lions who embody true service.
- It strengthens LCIF, helping fund global humanitarian work.
- It inspires other members to serve with the same heart and humility.
- It connects every club to the legacy of our founder.

Each fellowship is a promise — that Melvin Jones’ vision continues, one Lion at a time.

## Carrying Legacy Forward

When we celebrate a MJF recipient, we celebrate the best of who we are. We celebrate the belief that service is not just something we do, but something we live.

And in that moment, Melvin Jones’ philosophy echoes through every club, every project, every act of kindness: He often shared a simple idea that would become the heartbeat of Lions Clubs International:

**“You can’t get very far until you start doing something for somebody else.”**

Those words weren’t just a motto. They were a challenge.

PDG Ramona Sago

## District 29L Announces Peace Poster Contest Winner

### Theme: “Together As One”

District 29L is proud to announce that **Easton Ludolff**, age 13, has been selected as this year’s Peace Poster Contest winner for District 29L. Easton is a student at **East Fairmont Middle School**, where she is enrolled in **Mrs. Skarzinski’s Art 2 class**.

Her poster, inspired by the theme “**Together As One**,” was chosen from an impressive **87 student entries** at her school. The **Fairmont Lions Club** served as the sponsoring club for her participation.

After winning at the school level, Easton’s artwork advanced to the District 29L competition—where it once again rose to the top. Her poster has now moved on to the **MD29 Multiple District level**, where it will compete against the winning posters from Districts C and I. From there, one poster will be selected to represent MD29 at the **International Peace Poster Contest**. **Her poster will also be on display at the upcoming 29L Conference.**

District 29L extends heartfelt congratulations to Easton for her creativity, dedication, and outstanding achievement. Her artwork beautifully reflects the spirit of unity and peace that this contest celebrates.



## Peace Poster Chair, Lion David Sago



## Plan now for Environmental Week of Service

Lions and Leos around the world are being called upon to plan service activities that improve April 18-26, 2026. Many clubs in 29L already do this! Some examples are highway cleanup, cleanups, recycling events, tree planting, etc. There are so many ways to get outdoors and get involved with Lions around the world! This is also an excellent opportunity to publicize your event and get non-Lions involved. Research shows that younger people want less meetings and more service. Invite the public through your Facebook posts, offer needed supplies and refreshments. Make sure you have some new member applications on hand!

Earth Day is April 22; what will your club do to make a difference? Be sure to share your activities on your club Facebook page, our district Facebook page and through our District newsletter. For more information and ideas visit [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org) Member Resource Center for tools to plan, promote and celebrate your service at [www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resources-center](http://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resources-center).

Amy Houser  
Environmental Chair



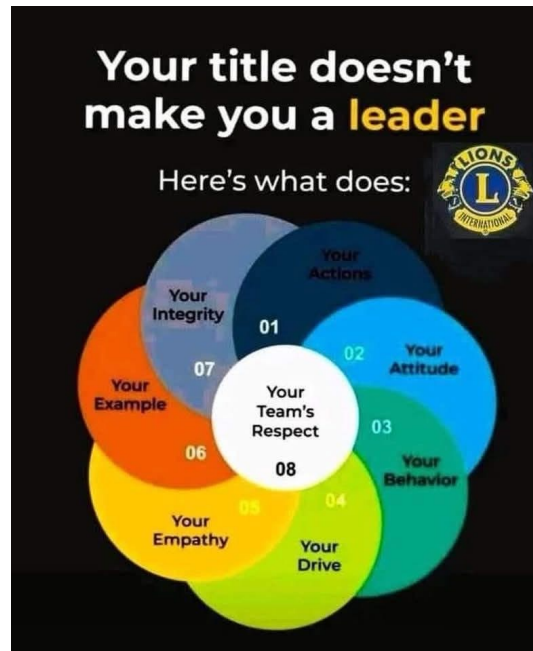
### Sight Equipment

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](mailto:WilliamstownLionsClub@yahoo.com)

### Vision Testing Equipment Reservations

February 19 & 20, 2026  
New Cumberland



- ❖ **Respect** New Lions for their talents and especially their TIME
  - ❖ **Educate** New Lions about Lionism in club, district, state, and International activities
  - ❖ **Take** New Lions to club, district, state and international meetings and introduce them to other Lions
  - ❖ **Expect** Great outcomes from New Lions while assisting them to accept chairmanships and other leadership roles
  - ❖ **Name** a mentor to guide New Lions, it should be a seasoned Lion
  - ❖ **Target** club, district, state and international projects that a New Lion may have an interest in based on their profession, education, hobbies and interests
  - ❖ **Initiate** New Lions about their responsibilities, financial commitment, and the great world-wide Lions fellowship
  - ❖ **Observe** New Lions as they meet Lions, learn, and participate to enhance our Great organization, and offer assistance
  - ❖ **Never** give up on New Lions or more seasoned Lions who may not remember why they joined in the first place. Let's lock the back door and keep it locked. Even when Lions transition to their final resting place they will be remembered as Lions forever.
- \*RETENTION IS EVERY LION'S JOB!**
- "A busy Lion is a happy Lion, membership is every Lions business, a good Lion is an informed Lion. Get involved-That's what Lionism is all about. Handle with care-don't drop, Lions are made -not born. The more we are -the more we can do, we lose what we don't use. To get a member-invite them. To keep a member-involve them."

## A Letter to District Governor Kim Ebert

Dear Kim,

We are honored to share this heartfelt letter from Lion Joseph Johnson, a fellow Lion and Leader Dog client. He asked us to pass along his gratitude, personal story reflecting the incredible impact your support has on the lives of people who are blind or visually impaired, as well as a challenge to all Lions for the future. Please take a moment to read his letter below:



Dear Fellow Lions,

On behalf of myself, my guide dog Tucker, and the 18,000 other men and women whose lives have been forever changed by the gift of independence, I want to extend my deepest gratitude to Lions Clubs across North America for your unwavering support of Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Because of you, people who are blind or visually impaired have found their way safely, confidently, and independently. Because of you, lives have been restored, dreams rekindled, and barriers broken. The story of Leader Dog begins with the Lions, and its success continues because of you.

### **Our Shared History**

More than 85 years ago, Lion Dr. Glenn Wheeler lost his vision and needed support. When he was denied access to the only guide dog organization around, three of his fellow Lions took on the challenge to build their own. **From day one, the Lions and Leader Dog have been inseparable. Without the Lions Club, there would be no Leader Dog.** That partnership remains one of the greatest testaments to our motto: We Serve.

As a Leader Dog client myself, I've personally experienced the life-changing power of this mission. I received both Orientation & Mobility training and my first guide dog through Leader Dog in 2022. My dog, Tucker, has given me more than just mobility, he's given me freedom, confidence, and the ability to serve others again.

Every day, I see how your support makes this possible, not only for me, but for countless others. Many of these people are in your very own district.

### **A Challenge for Today's Lions**

Leader Dogs for the Blind provides all its services completely free of charge to clients, but the cost to train one guide dog exceeds thousands of dollars. That's why your continued involvement is absolutely vital. Leader Dog's entire mission is sustained through donations, and the Lions are the heart of that support.

**You have already built something extraordinary. But the need is greater than ever.**

Across the world, millions of people who are blind or visually impaired are longing for mobility and independence. So, I challenge every Lions Club in the U.S. and Canada to:

1. **Continue and increase your financial support.** If your club already donates, thank you! Consider increasing your contribution or setting a new fundraising goal this year. Every dollar makes a difference.
2. **Encourage members to get involved personally.** Become puppy raisers, breeding hosts, or district-level Leader Dog Chairs. Your time and leadership multiply the mission far beyond financial giving.
3. **Promote awareness in your communities.** Host a Leader Dog presentation or invite a graduate

like me to speak. Share the story of how your club's support changes lives. People give when they see the results.

4. **Strive to become a Top Dog Club.** Clubs that contribute \$5,000 USD or more in a fiscal year earn this distinction, recognition of true dedication to the legacy Lions began in 1939.

### **My Personal Gratitude**

Because of the Lions, a single act of service in 1939 continues to ripple outward, touching lives across the world one cane and one harness at a time. From the bottom of my heart, thank you. Thank you to every Lion who ever raised a puppy, made a donation, referred someone to Leader Dog, or who simply believed in the power of independence.

**My guide dog Tucker and I are the result of your service. Every step we take is a reminder of your compassion, your vision, and your enduring commitment to serving others.**

But our work isn't finished. The next person waiting for their chance to walk freely is counting on us. Let us honor the Lions who came before us, those who founded Leader Dog and lit the path of service we walk today by ensuring that path continues forward.

Let's renew our commitment. Let's expand our reach. Let's ensure that every person who is blind or visually impaired can experience the same independence that your support has made possible.

The world needs more independence. Leader Dog needs more Lions. And together, we make that happen.

With deepest gratitude and respect,  
Lion Joseph Johnson  
Client, Leader Dogs for the Blind  
Zone Chair, District 18-N  
Augusta Lions Club  
Leader Dog Alumni Board



Thank you for taking the time to read Lion Joseph's words. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to our team at [LionsSupport@LeaderDog.org](mailto:LionsSupport@LeaderDog.org).

Yours in Lionism,  
Lion Claudia Gregory  
Manager of Philanthropy for Lions Engagement  
Leader Dogs for the Blind





# MD-14 REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

MARCH 6-8, 2026

PA State Council of Lions Clubs Office, 949 East Park Drive, Harrisburg, PA

## **CANDIDATE'S REGISTRATION FORM**

Cost \$195.00 (includes Institute, lodging and meals)

Checks should accompany this form and be made out to "PA State Council of Lions Clubs"

Mail to: PDG Kerry McKnight, 6 Mulberry Lane, New Freedom, PA 17349

All questions to PDG Kerry McKnight  
MD14GLT-Learn@Yahoo.com or 717-759-0711

**(Past participants, District Governors, Past District Governors ineligible)**

Maximum 40 attendees **Please type or print CLEARLY!**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

District Number \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Lions Office Held \_\_\_\_\_ Current Lion's Title \_\_\_\_\_

Email\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Please Type or Print CLEARLY! Email is used for ALL Communication regarding the institute**

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Club Number \_\_\_\_\_ Month/Year Joined Lions \_\_\_\_\_

Offices Held Within Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Positions Held Within Club \_\_\_\_\_

Why is this institute of interest to you?

**By signing below I hereby commit to the conditions of attending the 2026 MD-14 RLLI**

- Let us know if there are any special dietary considerations we should be aware of?
- Participants are responsible for arranging their own travel to and from the Institute.
- MD-14 GLT will make all hotel reservations.
- Participants are required to stay until the conclusion on the last day of the institute.
- If they depart early, they will not receive an acknowledgement pin nor their RLLI participation certificate.
- Participants may bring a laptop for use outside of the classroom.
- Participants are required to complete pre-assignments prior to arrival at the institute.

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**District Governor Must also Complete and Sign this Form**

In what ways will this candidate benefit from attending the Regional Lions Leadership Institute.

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District Governor Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of District Governor \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of District Governor \_\_\_\_\_

Email (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_





# JOIN US AS FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD TO LEAD WITH COURAGE AND SERVE WITH HEART



## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

District 29 L Conference will be held at the Historic  
Blennerhassett Hotel and Spa March 13 & 14, 2026

We look forward to welcoming you all with a special evening on  
Friday aboard the Valley Gem for dinner and entertainment  
while cruising the Ohio river. Space is limited so please get  
your registration in quickly. Saturday will see a full day of  
learning opportunities, entertainment and fellowship!

Cost: Registration for the Valley Gem on the Ohio Dinner and Entertainment \$45.00

NOTE: Please add this amount to your conference selection.

Conference Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ \$85.00 Full Day (Lunch & Dinner Saturday)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 Lunch Only (Saturday)  
\_\_\_\_\_ \$55.00 Dinner Only (Saturday)

A Block of rooms has been reserved for conference attendees to stay one or both nights at the  
Blennerhassett Hotel & Spa. A special rate of \$125.00 for a double and \$135.00 for a king is  
available by calling 304-422-3131, tell them you are reserving a room for the Lions District 29 L  
Conference. This rate is available through February 20, 2026.

Please make checks payable to District 29 L Conference.

Registration to: P.O. Box 1372 Parkersburg, WV 26102 or email to [parkersburgbenefits@cascable.net](mailto:parkersburgbenefits@cascable.net)

Questions please call Lion Lori Roberts at 304-481-4159 or PDG Dave Roberts at 304-482-2410.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Name to appear on Badge \_\_\_\_\_ Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female  
District and Club \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Home address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Do you have any dietary or medical information that we should be aware of? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes please explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Will children be attending with you? If so please contact Lion Lori Roberts or PDG Dave Roberts.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **District and Multiple District Conventions**

As we look ahead to our District and Multiple District Conventions, below are several steps our clubs can take to ensure we remain in good standing. Now is the ideal time to begin preparing.

### **1. Convention Dates:**

- District 29-L: March 13-14, 2026
- Multiple District 29: May 15-17, 2026

These dates will help your club to determine the number of delegates allowed and identify any outstanding dues or fees that must be paid.

### **2. Number of delegates:**

- District Secretary/Treasurer PDG Bill Syphers will be sending out e-mails/letters to each club letting you know how many delegates your club is allowed.

### **3. Club Balances:**

- Clubs need to work with the club's treasurer to ensure the club's account is not outstanding. All balances must be paid at least 15 days before participating in district and multiple district conventions. Failure to pay outstanding balances may result in your club being ineligible to vote.

### **4. Inquires:**

- Regarding your club's balance with Lions International, please contact one of the following:  
(1) District Administrator – PDG Ramona Sago at [rsago1959@gmail.com](mailto:rsago1959@gmail.com)  
(2) A/R & Club Accounts Service Department at [membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org](mailto:membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org)

### **5. District:**

- Balances with the district – Contact PDG Bill Syphers at [billsyphers@comcast.net](mailto:billsyphers@comcast.net)

**District Administrator**

**PDG Ramona Sago**



**TO ALL CANDIDATES FOR SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT 29, LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL.**

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution and By-Laws of Multiple District 29, Lions Clubs International, all Lions who aspire to the office of Vice District Governor must follow certain procedures prior to the election time at the State Convention of the Lions of West Virginia.

Attached hereto is the blank form "CERTIFICATE OF CANDIDACY FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR, WEST VIRGINIA LIONS". Please go over this form carefully, with the officers of your local club, and fill all blanks according to instructions.

As you will note, you are required to file four copies of this form, one to each of the individuals listed below:

- District Governor, [kimwvlscf@gmail.com](mailto:kimwvlscf@gmail.com)
- Secretary-Treasurer of MD 29, [kenshahan@aol.com](mailto:kenshahan@aol.com)
- Secretary-Treasurer of District 29L, [billsyphers@comcast.net](mailto:billsyphers@comcast.net)
- Chairperson of the nominations committee for District 29L, [pamrhein25@att.net](mailto:pamrhein25@att.net)

This form must be filed with the above prior to April 16, 2026.

Congratulations on aspiring to the office of Vice District Governor and good luck in your efforts.

Bill Syphers,  
District 29L Secretary-Treasurer

**Certificate of Candidacy**

**For**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor**

NAME OF CANDIDATE \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS:

(residence) \_\_\_\_\_ (business) \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE:

(home) \_\_\_\_\_ (business) \_\_\_\_\_

(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ CANDIDATE'S HOME

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete all blanks:

1. Served as President of a Lions Club for a full term or major portion thereof.

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Served as a member of the Board of Directors of a Lions Club no less than two additional years.

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

2. Served as Zone Chairperson or Region Chairperson or Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof.

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ None of the  
above was accomplished concurrently.

3. As President and Secretary of the \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club, we certify the abovenamed candidate, a member in good standing of our Club, has been endorsed by our Club by a two-thirds or greater majority at a meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_ and attested to in the minutes thereof.

President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby submit this certificate of candidacy for the high office of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor of District 29\_\_\_\_, for the year\_\_\_\_\_, to the present District Governor; to the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee; and to the MD Secretary-Treasurer as required under constitutional procedures.

Signature of the Candidate \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ This certificate  
is to be filed 31 days before the first day of the convention where the election shall take place.



As we celebrate the 147th birthday of Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International, we are reminded of how one person's vision can inspire a global movement of service. His commitment to helping others has continued to inspire LCIF's work in supporting communities and creating lasting change. In honor of his legacy, here are 10 meaningful reasons to give to LCIF.

**1. Make an Impact in Your Local Community**

[LCIF Grants](#) fund projects that improve lives close to home, including vision screenings, accessible playgrounds, food pantries, hospital upgrades and more. Your contribution ensures Lions can continue addressing local needs through meaningful grant projects.

**2. Feel True Satisfaction**

Giving through LCIF allows donors to experience the fulfillment that comes from helping others in a significant way. "Giving is very important. When you give, you feel true satisfaction. We have been blessed with the ability to donate, so why not share with the community? And why not through LCIF, which in my experience, is the best platform to serve." - *Million-Dollar Donor and Past International Director (PID) Aruna Abhey Oswal*

**3. Help Provide Urgent Disaster Relief**

When disaster strikes, Lions are often among the first to respond. LCIF ensures they are never alone, providing emergency funding for relief operations around the world. With global economic losses from natural disasters reaching US\$250-300 billion annually, your support helps communities recover faster and rebuild stronger. Learn more about [LCIF's Disaster Relief](#) efforts.

**4. Leave a Legacy of Kindness**

"What we do together is more than a donation. It is a legacy of kindness that truly changes lives." - *Million-Dollar Donor and PID Magnet Lin*

A contribution becomes part of a global story of compassion that continues to touch lives long after the donation is made.

**5. Address Unmet Needs by Supporting Our Global Causes**

Your donation directly funds LCIF's [eight global causes](#): childhood cancer, diabetes, disaster relief, environment, humanitarian efforts, hunger and youth. By giving, you help Lions reach people in need across every continent.

**6. Ensure 100% of Your Donations Support Grants and Programs**

Fiscal responsibility and transparency are important to LCIF. LCIF continues to ensure that 100% of donations go directly to grants and programs. This means that every dollar given is used to support humanitarian service.

**7. Be Acknowledged with LCIF Recognition Programs**

LCIF acknowledges donors through a comprehensive recognition system, including pins, plaques, patches and public acknowledgments. To honor and recognize donors, LCIF has created a comprehensive recognition structure. Recognition varies by level of support and is available to individuals, clubs, districts, multiple districts, corporations and other contributing partners. Learn more about [LCIF's recognition programs](#).

**8. Improve Young Lives with Lions Quest**

LCIF's global youth development program, Lions Quest, provides a curriculum for students from PreK through grade 12 to help them develop life skills, character and resilience through activities like drug prevention, character education and service-learning. Giving to LCIF ensures that Lions Quest can continue to make a difference in the lives of underserved youth. Learn more about [Lions Quest](#).

**9. Honor Someone Who Has Made a Difference**

A [Melvin Jones Fellowship \(MJF\)](#) or [Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship \(PMJF\)](#) can be given in tribute, recognizing mentors, loved ones or outstanding Lions whose service has inspired you. An MJF or PMJF

donation is one of the most meaningful ways to recognize someone whose actions, leadership or kindness have left a lasting impact on your life or your community. Whether you are honoring a dedicated Lion, a family member, a mentor or a community leader, an MJF tribute is a permanent acknowledgment of their impact.

#### 10. Set an Example and Inspire Others

Supporters of LCIF demonstrate what leadership in service truly looks like. Your commitment encourages fellow Lions, family members, partners and your community to join in and expand the impact.

Every gift, no matter the size, helps someone get through a difficult time or allows a community to rebuild. When you choose to support LCIF, you are continuing a legacy of kindness that started with Melvin Jones and still touches lives around the world.






**THE WALL THAT HEALS**  
VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER  
★  
A PROGRAM OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND  
FOUNDERS OF THE WALL

If you are interested in learning more, join us for a Community Kickoff Meeting about this powerful, traveling tribute to Vietnam veterans, how it will impact our community, and how you can get involved through volunteering, sponsorships, and community support.

**FEBRUARY 5, 2026 • NOON**  
St. Clairsville American Legion Post 159 – Meeting Hall

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 **OCTOBER 1 – 4, 2026**  
BELMONT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS  
[www.facebook.com/BelmontCoWallThatHeals](http://www.facebook.com/BelmontCoWallThatHeals)

## CLUB HAPPENINGS

### Warwood Lions Club

Lion Tony Paree of the Warwood Lions was the speaker at their January meeting. He is the author of his third book, *Wheeling, West Virginia and Matchbooks*.

Lion Tony reviewed the book and presented slides of all the matchbooks that pertained to old businesses in the Warwood area.

The Warwood Lions would like to thank Lion Tony for a very informative and interesting presentation. We also welcomed some of the public to enjoy the presentation.



### Paden City Lions Club



The Paden City Lions Club will be hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, from 4-7pm. Cost is \$7 and it is an all-you-can-eat meal. Menu will be Pancakes, Sausage, and Eggs with drink included. It will be held at the Paden City Senior Center on 4th Avenue in Paden City behind the Paden City Public Library. Proceeds benefit the charities of the Paden City Lions Club.



## Follansbee Lions Club



### Help Patients in February and Receive \$15 Gift Card in Thanks

Donate in February and you'll receive a \$15 Rewards gift card!\*

**Must use code GIVELOVE-2026-V when scheduling appointment to receive gift card.**

Donor Rewards program opt-in required to redeem gift card in the online store.

\*Terms and conditions apply; see [vitalant.org/FebDonorGift](https://vitalant.org/FebDonorGift).

## The Lions Club of Follansbee Community Blood Drive

**Thursday, February 5, 2026  
12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Follansbee Community House  
Follansbee Municipal Park  
Marquette Avenue, Follansbee, WV 26037**



To schedule an appointment to donate:

- Go to [vitalant.org](https://vitalant.org) and search with Account Code **UC2120039**
- Call 1-877-25VITAL OR email Lion Terry at [lionterry55@gmail.com](mailto:lionterry55@gmail.com) or call Terry at 304-479-8067
- Or scan code for a list of all available times

**APPOINTMENTS RECOMMENDED**



For more information or to schedule a donation,  
call **877.25.VITAL** or visit us at [vitalant.org](https://vitalant.org)  
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## **REMINDERS:**

### **Assign Your 2026 Convention Voting Delegate**

If you plan to have a voting delegate attend our international convention in Hong Kong, they must be registered for convention via the convention website. They must also be assigned as a voting delegate in the Lion Portal by their club secretary or other duly authorized officer. For more info, visit the voting section of the 2026 convention webpage

**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](mailto:TRABBOLD769@COMCAST.NET).**

DISTRICT 29-L CONVENTION  
PARADE OF CHECKS – MARCH 2026

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

CLUB NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Our club is making the following contribution(s) to the Parade of Checks to be held at our District 29-L Conference:

	<u>Amount of Check</u>	<u>Club Use</u>
LCIF	_____	_____
WVLSHCF	_____	_____
Camp <del>Kno</del> -Koma	_____	
Deaf & Blind Recreation	_____	
Diabetes Awareness/LEHP	_____	
Leader Dog	_____	
Pilot Dog	_____	
Leo Program	_____	
Romney Work Program	_____	
Youth Exchange	_____	
WVU Children's Hospital	_____	
Disaster Relief	_____	
Total Contribution(s)	_____	

- If your club is donating toward a club Melvin Jones (LCIF) or a Leonard Jarrett Fellow (WV Sight Foundation), please check "Club Use" on this form and also make the notation in the memo portion of your club's check. All undesignated funds for these two charities will be used by the District Governor in naming Melvin Jones or Leonard Jarrett Fellows.
- **Make all checks payable to any of the above choices.** Please send the form and check(s) to: Bill Syphers, 77 Raven Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003 by March 6 or bring to the conference.