



## DISTRICT 29-L (WV/USA) NOVEMBER 2024 Newsletter

**David  
Roberts**  
District Governor

Greetings fellow Lions!

Lion Lori and I are off to a great Lion Year! We have been visiting clubs and spreading Lions Information. The opportunity to see Lions in action through pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, trash pickups, bingos, food drives, food deliveries along with eye sight screenings and assisting individuals with eye exams and glasses has been wonderful. The chance to hear plans for new projects, new takes on tried-and-true service projects and fund raisers has been such a blessing. There doesn't seem to be any limitations on healthy Lions Club activities. We are blessed to have such loyal dedicated servants working on behalf of our communities.

Officially, I am pleased to announce that Lion Tony Vandenberg with the Pleasants Area Lions has been appointed and confirmed by Lions International and has agreed to serve as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. I know he will serve you well.

We are gaining ground on our long-term goal in Mission 1.5. Membership is increasing here in West Virginia as well as globally. Our goal for the end of the 2024-2025 Lion year is a plus one to every club and we are definitely getting there.

District 29 I held their conference in Berkley Springs September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. It was a great opportunity to meet new Lions from across the state, and Canada, and share ideas to grow our clubs. International Director PID Joanne Ogden from Canada was the guest speaker and an absolutely passionate Lion. District 29 C held their conference on October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in Charleston. This was another chance to share our passion for Lionism and learn from others that are working in their communities around the state and in the northeast. International Director PID Joyce Middleton from Connecticut was the guest speaker for this conference and like her colleague from Canada she is excited about the possibilities for Lions Clubs.

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**Make Your Mark**

### 2024—2025 29-L CABINET

David Roberts, Governor  
Kim Ebert, 1st VDG  
Tony Vandenberg, 2nd VDG &  
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Dave Shelton, Reading Action Prog.  
Jay Houser, Marketing



***"We made a difference  
for "That One"!"***

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## **MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVE (CONTINUED)**

This once again shows how together we can make a difference for “That One”. In fact, you can make a difference for yourself, your club and your community by attending the West Virginia Lions Leadership Retreat January 24 through 26 in Flatwoods. The opportunities for education, fellowship and fun are at this Retreat. You really cannot leave there without being inspired.

We are excited about the many opportunities that lie before us in Lionism. If you would like a visit from the District Governor, have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at [parkerburgbenefits@cascable.net](mailto:parkerburgbenefits@cascable.net) or 304-482-2410.

Lion Lori and I want to wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving. We are so thankful for each and every one of you! Roar Lions!

DG Dave Roberts

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## **DISTRICT 29L SIGHT COORDINATORS APPOINTED FOR 2024—2025**

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Ravenswood Lions Club



# Governor's Travels



**Santa stopped by 291 Conference to see if Governors were being Naughty OR Nice!**



**Weirton Lions**



**Washington Lions**



**Morgantown Area Lions**



**Putnam County Lions**



**Mt Olivet Lions**

**KIM EBERT,  
1st Vice District Governor**

Hello Lions!

As we head into November, let's remember Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on things that we are grateful for: a new day, a loved one, and being able to help others.

I reflect on things that I am thankful for:

- ♦ I am thankful for my Mom, who taught me about service by volunteering at our area's food kitchen every Thanksgiving morning. Though she wasn't a Lion, the desire to help was there and instilled in me.
- ♦ I am thankful for LCIF, which has provided grants to affected communities and multiple districts since the devastation caused by the hurricanes in Florida (side note: I was born in Florida, and my cousin has a house there, too). This makes me proud to be a part of an organization that is willing and able to step in and help. We may not be able to help everyone, but we can make a difference to some. LCIF can make these grants through your donations!
- ♦ I am thankful to the Friendly Lions Club for inviting me to their charter night celebration. I enjoyed learning about the successes and "war stories." It was a great night for camaraderie and friendship!
- ♦ I am thankful for my Lions family, who have supported me and continue to do so. I'm grateful to have such a talented and dedicated group of Lion Leaders to answer my questions and help guide me to do the best job I can for my District.
- ♦ I am thankful for the chance to spend time with WV Lions Clubs and get to know them. This is a highlight for me.



I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving filled with fellowship, good food, and even better memories!

**LION TONY VANDENBERG,  
2nd Vice District Governor**

Opportunities need to arise, or be offered. To accept an opportunity, one must be "just enough" Ready, Willing and Able – all three. In life in general, and more specifically in Lionism, each of us can offer opportunities to others, while opportunities may be offered to us. In the last few months, an opportunity to serve as 29L Second Vice District Governor has arisen for me. And, indeed, I recognized that I was Ready / Willing / Able enough to accept.

I greatly appreciate, and am complemented by, the encouragement and support offered by many Lions of 29L. I have humbly accepted the appointment as your Second Vice District Governor. So far, it has been very joyful! I will do my best to Serve you Lions, as you Serve those with a need. Feel free to reach out to me as I learn and plan for the next few years. Email [ajv26170@yahoo.com](mailto:ajv26170@yahoo.com).



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Lion Tony Vandenberg became a member of the Frontier Lions Club, serving the Frontier Local School district in Washington County, Ohio, in August 1976. He served the Club as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director. He served as District 13-K Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer in 1984-85. Lion Tony served on the Ohio Multiple District 13 Constitution and By-Laws Committee for three years, 1985-1988.

Lion Tony transferred to the Pleasants Area Lions Club in June 2013, and has served as President, Secretary, Leo Club Liaison, and LCIF Coordinator. He served District 29-L as Zone 4 Chair, and LCIF District Coordinator. Lion Tony serves as a Trustee of the Multiple District 29 West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation.



**LION TONY VANDENBERG,  
2nd Vice District Governor &  
District 29-L LCIF Coordinator 2024-25**



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**

**LCIF DISASTER RELIEF  
SUPPORT UPDATE**

Lions Clubs International Foundation blesses us with an opportunity to help share in being a healing presence in the midst of an often traumatized world. By donating to LCIF, you become an integral part of **YOUR** Foundation. Remember that 100% of donations go towards LCIF grants and programs. All administrative costs are covered through interest on previous investments.

I want to share the following from an email sent by LCIF Development on October 16<sup>th</sup>:

Between July 1, 2024 and October 14, 2024, LCIF awarded 147 grants globally totaling US\$2,828,653 under the cause of disaster relief. This includes refugee relief grants.

**United States**

- ◆ Since September 27, LCIF has awarded 10 Emergency grants totaling \$150,000 for hurricane relief across Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee. We are still working with Lions in additional districts that are assessing needs, and we anticipate additional grant funding will be awarded soon. Lions in these districts are using Emergency grants first, and then will assess if additional LCIF funding is needed.
- ◆ In addition to these 10 Emergency grants, LCIF has also awarded 2 Major Catastrophe grants. Multiple District 35 (Florida) and Multiple District 31 (North Carolina) were each awarded Major Catastrophe grants for \$100,000 each. Lions are working to develop a plan to use these funds.
- ◆ As of today, LCIF has awarded 12 grants totaling \$350,000 for US hurricane relief.
- ◆ Donations to the general disaster fund help us award these grants immediately to Lions who are impacted by natural disasters. We anticipate additional funding requests will be received and awarded to help support Lions continue hurricane relief activities.

We deeply understand the extensive damage across these states and are in ongoing communication with Lions in affected areas. We're continually reviewing new requests from districts that may need further assistance. Our commitment to supporting relief efforts is unwavering, and we truly appreciate the dedication of Lions actively helping in these devastated communities. Your enthusiasm for sharing the impactful work of **YOUR** foundation is incredibly inspiring.

**Ways to give:**

Donate on-line at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>

By check, use the [Single Donor Form](#) to  
Lions Clubs International Foundation  
Department 4547  
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

Or see <http://lionsclubs.org/waystogive>

Lion Tony Vandenberg, LCIF District 29-L Coordinator

**PDG BERNICE PITCOCK,  
DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CHAIR**

Congratulations to Lion Tony Vandenberg from Pleasants Area Lions Club who has been appointed as District 29L 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG for 2024-25. We send you best wishes as you begin your journey to District Governor.

We have provided you with some up-to-date portal information – in the District 29L website, under the resources tab, you will find “Portal Information”. In this resource, you will find various subjects that you may need as you navigate the portal to provide updated information to Lions International – subjects include: how to register a new member; how to transfer a member, how to upload images to your service report – a total of 16 different areas are addressed at this time, giving you step by step instructions on how to complete the tasks. As LI adds more portal instructions, I will ask Lion Kathy Syphers to update this resource on our District website. Thanks to Lion Kathy for her help with this project. I hope you find it useful.

I know it's crazy, but it is that time of year to start preparing for our upcoming holiday season. Remember that as Lions, we have much to be thankful for. Please continue your good works to provide for those less fortunate in your communities.



**PDG Gary Pitcock,  
District GMT / GET Coordinator**

As we move closer to Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays, we should all be thankful for everything we have and who we are sharing it with.

One way to get the word out about Lionism is to help with community Thanksgiving dinners. If your town is hosting a dinner for seniors or for those less fortunate, take some time and volunteer your services. Your club could also donate some of the supplies needed for the dinner. This will showcase your club to your community and gives you a great opportunity to let people know what your club is about.

Happy Thanksgiving!! - PDG Gary



**Lion Amy Houser,  
District Environmental Chair**



## Recycling: Clothing

When we hear the term “recycling” we often think of glass, aluminum cans, paper, etc. But recycling clothing is just as important. According to [sustainablejungle.com](http://sustainablejungle.com), 32 billion pounds of clothing are produced annually for the US and 85% will end up in landfills. That’s a staggering amount of clothing! Fortunately, there are many different companies that do clothing recycling where you can send in unwanted clothes and they will be recycled into other garments, stuffing, insulation or industrial use. A lot will take clean clothing in any condition. [Sustainablejungle.com](http://Sustainablejungle.com) has a list of different companies that do this recycling but some require a fee. **Helpsy** is the largest clothing collector in the NE United States. They have large clothing bins that your club can host for free. Another recycler is Thousand Fell, a subdivision of technology company SuperCircle. They are devoted to eliminating waste while recycling clothing and shoes into new products.

If your club is interested in trying a new recycling project in your community, an online search will give you many options to explore. Good luck and happy recycling!

Thank you to Washington Lions, Boaz Lions and Williamstown Lions for their recent trash pickups!

Thanks to all Lions for helping our planet!

Amy Houser, Environmental Chair



## Marketing 101: PT 3 Telling a Good Story

It’s just that easy: marketing your club is telling **your** story, so make it a good one!

Does your club have a **Lions e-clubhouse website**? Paired with social media, it’s a great place to tell your story. LI provides this resource for clubs around the world so they may have a useful, professional looking website. Designed with fill-in the blank fields, the e-Clubhouse allows you to easily build and maintain a website, keep your members and the community informed of projects, and promote club activities while recruiting new members.

- 1) Submit an application to create a website for your Lions Club at <https://e-clubhouse.org>. Click the “Getting Started” button to fill out an application.
- 2) After your application is approved, you will receive a link to your site along with username and password.
- 3) Login to your site and use the simple to build and maintain website.



For additional help, you can use the e-Clubhouse User Guide which you can find by clicking the FAQs button. Remember when all else fails, contact PDG Ramona Sago [rsago1959@gmail.com](mailto:rsago1959@gmail.com) (the District Administrator). She is a wonderful help.

Stay tuned for more ways to market your club! Thanks for all you do, PDG Jay Houser

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Dallas Lions Club

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Follansbee Lions Club

**STEVE WINTERS**— Friendly Lions Club

**JOANN DOBBS** — Moundsville Lions Club

**BRENDA & LAWRENCE (Marc) GITTINGS**  
**TERRY & WILLIAM HERMAN**  
**MARY JANE ROGERSON**  
**JILL WILLEY**  
**RICHARD WILSON**  
**JULIE & PAUL ZOGG**  
Mt Olivet Lions Club

**CHARLIE BOURQUE** — New Cumberland Lions

**ALISON M BROWNING** — Parkersburg Lions Club



**BARRY DEAN CROW**  
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Milton Lions Club

**BERNIE BROWNING**  
Southeast Huntington

**DONALD D FLEMING**  
Waverly Lions Club

## **WARWOOD LIONS CLUB**

Congratulations to the Warwood Lions as they celebrate 80 years of service to their community.

You are invited to join them in celebration and District Governor's Night on Monday, November 11, 2024 at the Warwood United Methodist Church, 1438 Warwood Avenue, Wheeling. The cost for the dinner is \$15/person. Social will begin at 6:00 p.m., with dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m.

Reservations are requested by November 4th. Please contact Lion Barbara Baker at 304-242-7908.



## **PADEN CITY LIONS CLUB**

Lion Linda Stead of the Paden City Lions Club passed on Saturday, October 26. She had been a member of the Friendly Lions Club until her transfer in 2023.

Lion Linda was a Leonard Jarrett Fellow.

Please keep Lion Ken and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



## NEW CUMBERLAND LIONS CLUB

The New Cumberland Lions Club hosted District Governor Dave Roberts and his wife Lori on September 24. Also present were members from the Weirton Lions Club.

The New Cumberland Lions Club members donated school supplies for New Manchester Elementary School. Thank you to all members who donated! We received many thanks from Principal Cindy Yeater!



**1st VP and current  
Secretary Jeanne Cox,  
DG Dave Roberts, Lori Roberts**



**Lion Cindy Skerbetz with Lion  
Jim Gillespie**

We had a very successful event at the New Cumberland Fall Riverfest recently. Thanks to the community for attending the Riverfest and supporting our pulled pork fundraiser in spite of a little rain.



**Crowd with Lion Rick Tinsky  
in blue shirt**

As always, thank you to our dedicated Lion volunteers: Rich Zumer, Rick Tinsky, Charlie Mitchell, Peggy Lee, Betsy Wells, Jim Wells, Shauna Andrews, Jim Gillespie, Cindy Skerbetz, Joyce Young, Cole Young, Jeanette Hess, John Ashcraft, Don Deemer, and Ed Fields. Also, thanks to Warren Wright for the use of his roasters and the Greathouses for use of their tent.

October 5 was a beautiful morning to collect trash! We collected 14 bags from a 3-mile stretch just outside of New Cumberland in a little more than an hour with 10 Lions and 1 guest.



Thanks to (from left) Lions Jim Wells, Jim Gillespie, Chuck Mitchell, guest John Archer, Jeanne Archer, Peggy Rocchio, Lee, Cole Young, Alan Lee, Donald Deemer, and Joyce Young. Also helping but not pictured is Jennifer Meeker.

**UPCOMING LION EVENTS:** The Walk-for-Site is **Nov 2**, and we'll be providing free hot chocolate after the **Christmas parade**.

Our next pulled pork event will be **May 2025**.

We use the proceeds from these events to support local community projects. We appreciate your support and welcome your feedback.





## MT. OLIVET LIONS CLUB

The Mt Olivet Lions held a Meet & Greet and had a great turnout. We signed up eight new members, and four more folks took applications home. Great job by our Membership Chair, Lion Connie Wright.



**PROGRAM**  
Presented by: 

**Mt Olivet Lions &  
Moundville Veterans Honor Guard  
November 10, 2024 @ 2 pm  
Mt Olivet United Methodist Church  
Wheeling WV**

## FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB

Beginning in September and wrapping up in October, the Fairmont Lions conducted vision screening, six events, at five child care facilities screening a total of 108 mostly preschool and some school-aged children.

On October 19, the Fairmont Lions and Midtown Leos (sponsored by the Fairmont Lions) joined together to clean litter from approximately 2 miles of rail trail.

On October 23, the Midtown Leos set up a booth for Whitehall's Trick or Treat at Middletown Commons and the Fairmont Lions Club set up a booth, as well. Candy was given to children and the Lions had brooms available for sale.



Please keep Lion Aletta Moffett in your prayers as she is home recovering from recent surgery.

Warmest wishes for a quick return to the very best of health.

**PDG Ramona Sago  
DISTRICT 29-L ADMINISTRATOR**

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# PORTAL



Follow each month for a new tip

## **“How to Manage Club Members on the Lions Portal”**

Add New Member   Edit Member   Reinstate Member  
Transfer Member   Drop Member

Sign onto the Lions Portal by using your assigned user name and password.  
Click on “My Club”.  
To the right under “Member Actions” click on “Manage Club Members”.  
Choose the action you will need.  
Click on next and follow directions as requested.

## **WHEELING ISLAND LIONS CLUB** **1974—2024**

**Congratulations** to the Wheeling Island Lions as you celebrate 40 years of service to your community.

Reflect on the past, embrace the present, and look forward to a future filled with continued success and growth.

Happy Anniversary!



## **NEWSLETTER EDITOR, Lion Phyllis Amrhein**

Fellow Lions,

If you are not currently doing so, I want to invite and encourage you to submit articles to the 29L District Newsletter. I have noticed several Club posts on Facebook of current activities that I have not received, both on the **Official 2024-25 Group** page and the District Group page from last year, .

Not all Lions have access to the internet; therefore, many Lions do not get to enjoy knowing how your club serves both the community and those less fortunate. By making a link, or sending your information and photos directly to [pamrhein25@att.net](mailto:pamrhein25@att.net), Lions in our District, state, and surrounding areas will receive a copy of our newsletter every month with news items about our District.

**THANK YOU** to all who have submitted articles to date. I look forward to working with you throughout the remainder of 2024-2025. If you know of anyone who would like to receive a copy through e-mail, and are not currently on our contact list, send their name and e-mail address to me and they will be added to the next mailing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [pamrhein25@att.net](mailto:pamrhein25@att.net)

Lion Phyllis Amrhein, 29L Newsletter Editor



## One Person Can Make a Difference

One morning a man walked along a beach covered with thousands of starfish that had washed up during a storm. Now they lay dying in the sun.

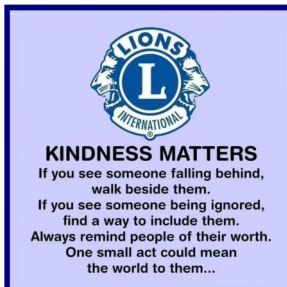
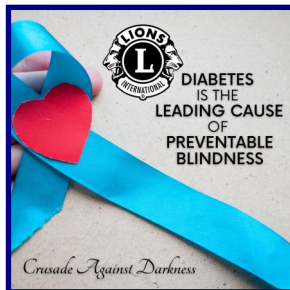
He saw a young girl picking up the starfish one by one and tossing them into the sea. As he approached her he couldn't help but ask,

"Why bother? There are too many of them."

You won't make much of a difference."

She picked up another starfish and tossed it into the water. Then she turned to the man and said, "I made a difference to that one."

Thanks for Making  
a Difference Every Day



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CALENDAR

November 3	MD29 Cabinet Meeting ZOOM, 7pm
November 4	Wheeling Island DG Visit, 40th Anniversary
November 7	Williamstown Lions Club, 6pm
November 11	Warwood Lions Club DG Visit, 80th Anniversary
November 16 <sup>th</sup>	District 29L Cabinet Meeting Noon Quinet's, New Martinsville
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Doddridge County Lions, 6:30pm
December 16 <sup>th</sup>	Pleasants County Lions, 6:00 pm
January 24-26	WV Lions Leadership Retreat in Flatwoods, WV

## **NOVEMBER** **DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH**

**Nov. 11th — Veterans Day**

**Nov 13th — World Kindness Day**

**Nov 14th — World Diabetes Day**

**November 28th —Thanksgiving Day**



## **Mark your calendar NOW!**

**MARCH 14 — 15, 2025**  
**DISTRICT 29-L CONFERENCE**  
**Parkersburg, West Virginia**  
**You don't want to miss it!!**



## “The Many Hats of Leadership”

Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat  
Flatwoods Conference Center

Flatwoods Days Inn

Flatwoods, WV

Jan 24-26, 2025



Visionary • Delegator • Coach • Visionary • Influencer

Leaders often wear different hats and play different roles either by choice or default. The LWVLR offers seminars and speakers that will encourage you to develop skills, build relationships with other Lions and create plans for your club's future. Your attendance and participation will make you eligible for a **Regional Lions Leadership Institute Certificate**, an accomplishment you can add to your Lions Club list of accomplishments. We hope you'll join us for a fun weekend full of new ideas and new friends!



# Sunday, November 3rd



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**

Turn your clocks back one hour!