



DISTRICT 29-L
(WV-USA)



Lions Lead with Courage, Serve with Heart During WV Flooding
By District Governor Kim Ebert

As I begin my term as District Governor, I am humbled by the unwavering dedication of our Lions. When devastating floods struck parts of West Virginia, Lions didn't hesitate—they stepped in to help neighbors in need, delivering supplies, offering meals, and lending a hand wherever it was needed.

Thanks to the generosity of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), we received an emergency grant that allowed us to respond quickly and effectively. This support made a real difference, and we are deeply grateful.

To every Lion who answered the call—thank you. You are the embodiment of this year's motto: Lead with Courage, Serve with Heart. Together, we are showing our communities the true meaning of service.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 7/12-7/20 International Convention—Orlando, FL
- 9/19-9/21 USA/Canada Forum —Atlantic City, NJ
- 10/03 DG Visit—Doddridge County
- 11/11 DG Visit—Friendly 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	Ramona Sago, Administrator
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Zone 2 & 3 - Kristine Quin	Richard McMillan, Guide Dogs
Zone 4 - Scott Beaver	Dave Sago, Peace Poster
Zone 5 - Lori Roberts	Amy Houser, Sight Equipment Coordinator
Zone 6 - Vacancy	Paul Amhrein, Sight Foundation Trustee
Zone 7 - Vacancy	
Zone 8 - Karen Dudas-Hall	



Why report service

Why Should Your Lions Club Report Service?

✓ **Preserve Knowledge**

Reporting helps capture valuable experiences and best practices to guide your club's future leaders.

✓ **Celebrate Community Pride**

Showcase the positive impact your club makes locally.

✓ **Share and Inspire**

Highlight your successes and needs with other clubs, your district, and Lions around the world.

✓ **Maintain a Strong District**

Reporting demonstrates a vibrant, healthy district.

✓ **Access Awards and Grants**

Clubs with reported activities become eligible for special recognitions and funding opportunities.

✓ **Grow Your Impact**

Even the smallest service project can inspire a global initiative—but only if it's reported! Remember: LCI can't recognize your great work unless you share it.

My Goal: 100% Reporting from Every Club

How can we achieve this together?

✓ **Assign one person in your club to handle reporting.**

✓ **Or simply contact me with your information, and I will report it for you!**

GST Ramona Sago
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Let's Review Questions/Concerns

You May Have With

CLUB FINANCES

- DG RECAPS are emailed to the DG at the beginning of each month, for his/her review of club balances and aging.
- Club Presidents should encourage club officers to register online. Treasurers can pay online if the club approves.
- Club Treasurers can pay online by visiting www.lionsclubs.org. Click "Member Login", then the "MyLCI" link, after logging in,
- you may pay by Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express, or PayPal. Debit cards are accepted.
- Club balances should be paid according to the terms established by the association; however, to avoid suspension, balances
- should be paid no later than 90 days after billing.
- Club balances outstanding beyond 120 days can cause clubs to be placed on suspension if balances exceed US\$20/ member or
- \$1000, whichever is less.
- Anticipated high risk of suspension in November and May – can be avoided with prompt club payments.
- High cancellation rates can be avoided in December and June if payments are received prior to the 29th of the month following
- suspension.
- Clubs can be reactivated within 12 months following cancellation, if eligible. Full payment along with a Reactivation Report
- is required, signed by the Current District Governor.
- Club Treasurers can view billing statements online. By now clubs should have signed into the Lions Portal and have chosen the "OPT-OUT"
- Option.. Beginning July 15th statement bills will no longer be mailed out for LCI dues and accounting.
- District Governors and Cabinet Treasurers can also view and pay Multiple District and District Statements online.
- Clubs in GOOD STANDING are eligible to participate in local elections. The current dues billing must be paid leaving NO International dues and fees. All payments must be received 15 days prior to the Convention.
- Registration payments for the International Convention should be settled in US\$ by credit card or by wire transfer.

All donations accepted on lionsclubs.org support Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), which is a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt Public Charitable Organization. Lions Clubs International (LCI) is a 501 (c)(4) tax-exempt social welfare organization and is not eligible to accept or solicit charitable donations. LCI and LCIF are EEO (Equal Employment Opportunity) providers treating everyone fairly.

HIPPA COMPLIANCE

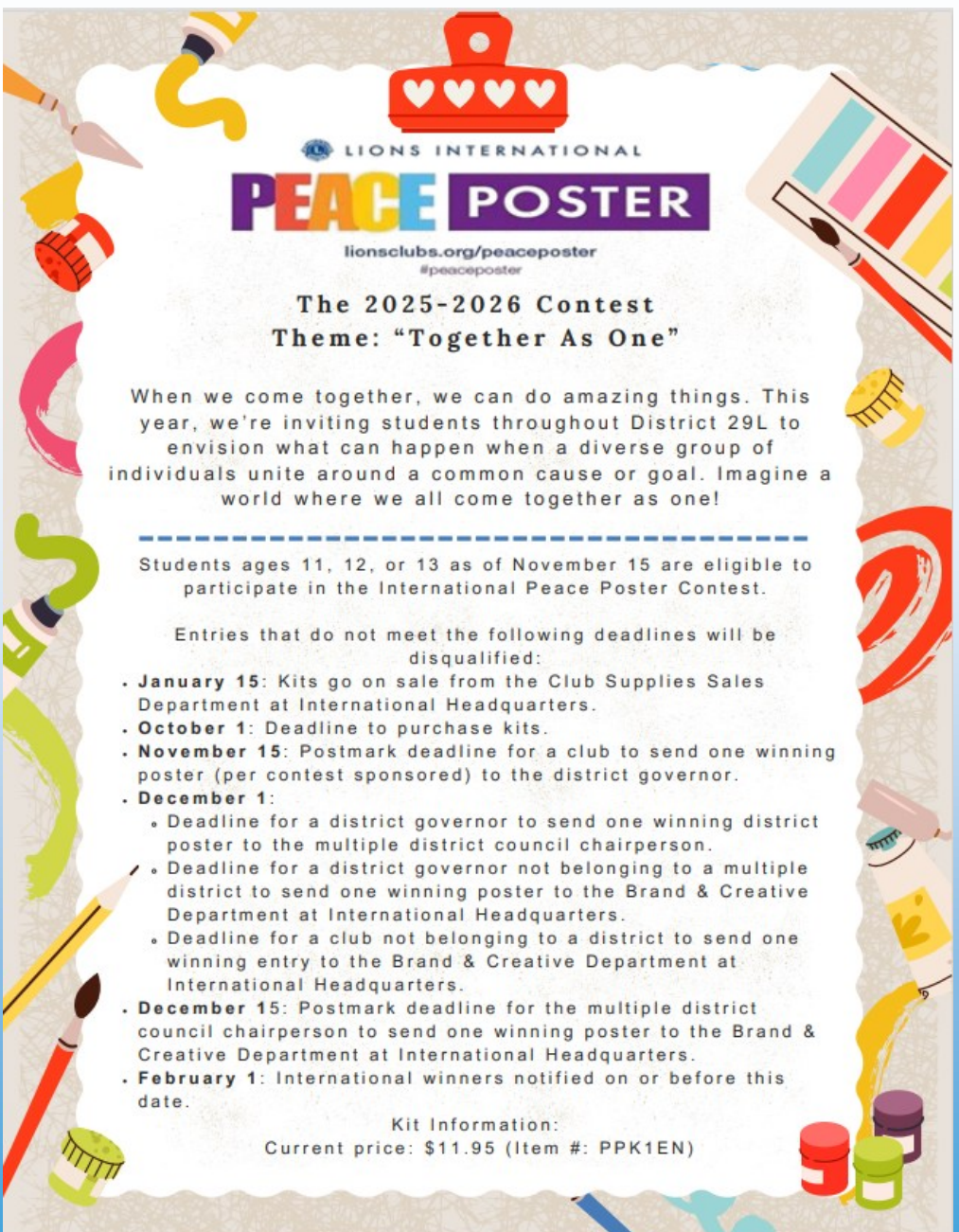
Lions Clubs International members are subject to the (HIPPA) Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.


HIPPA regulates the use and sharing of health information. Clubs operating certain types of programs, such as vision/hearing applications for exams/glasses should remember HIPPA Compliance.

990-N Non-Profit E-Postcard filing

Reporting begins on July 1st and ends on November 15th of each fiscal year. Do you have questions/concerns?

Contact District Administrator Ramona Sago @ 304-662-6265 or rsa-go1959@gmail.com.



 LIONS INTERNATIONAL
PEACE POSTER
lionsclubs.org/peaceposter
[#peaceposter](https://twitter.com/peaceposter)

The 2025-2026 Contest
Theme: "Together As One"

When we come together, we can do amazing things. This year, we're inviting students throughout District 29L to envision what can happen when a diverse group of individuals unite around a common cause or goal. Imagine a world where we all come together as one!

Students ages 11, 12, or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest.

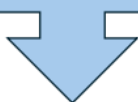
Entries that do not meet the following deadlines will be disqualified:

- **January 15:** Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **October 1:** Deadline to purchase kits.
- **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
- **December 1:**
 - Deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to the multiple district council chairperson.
 - Deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
 - Deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **February 1:** International winners notified on or before this date.

Kit Information:
Current price: \$11.95 (Item #: PPK1EN)

Updated Newsletter Sign-up Information

Sign up NOW



<http://eepurl.com/jiEK6w>

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Below



The District 29 L newsletter will be transitioning to a new Mailchimp account. It is essential that you sign up to continue receiving our future newsletters. There are several reasons for this change:

1. ****Federal Regulations****: We want to ensure that email providers recognize our newsletters as legitimate and not as scam emails. To help prevent this, please add LIONS29Lnewsletter@gmail.com to your contacts.
2. ****Subscriber Limit****: A free Mailchimp account allows for fewer than 500 subscribers. Since our district has over 900 Lions members, we must manage our subscriber list carefully.
3. ****Low Engagement****: In the past, we had over 1,000 subscribers, but only one-third opened the emails, and even fewer clicked on links to view the newsletters.

We recommend that club presidents or secretaries forward the newsletter to their club members to ensure everyone stays informed.

Thank you for your understanding and for signing up for the District 29 L newsletter!

Sincerely, Lion Kathy Syphers, IT Chairperson



Leadership July 2025

PDG Bernice Pitcock

Welcome to the 2025-26 Lions' Year!!

I am in the process of setting up zoom officer trainings - I will email the schedule soon to Zone Chairs and Officers. I hope you will take time to attend. Please note the Officer e- books that we have on the District 29L website are still current – please take time to review your responsibilities in the e-books and use the trainings available in the Lions Learning Center on the Lions portal. I am not making paper copies this year – so please use these resources already available to you.

We continue to look for our future Lions' leaders for our District. If you are interested in receiving more information – please contact me at bpit@comcast.net or 304-670-7216.

July 2025

PDG Gary Pitcock

Well, we now begin another Lions’ year. Thanks to Governor Kim for asking me to be membership chair this year.

We all have our work cut out for us this year. Even though last year was a good one, we need to concentrate on getting new members in our clubs. I realize some clubs are struggling and we need to help them.

We’re counting on our zone chairs to work as a big part of GMT teams. They are the ones closest to the individual clubs. Let’s all help Governor Kim start the year getting our numbers up.

I’m here for you, and with your help we can come up with a plan to help all District 29L clubs.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Gary Pitcock



JULY 2025

Hello Fellow Lions!!

I must be honest this is my VERY FIRST EVER newsletter, so I am a bit delayed on it for the month of July! But like everyone else I also have a lot of things going on outside of my volunteering that I participate in.

A little bit about me for those who do not know me! I work full-time for Williams Energy as a Construction Analyst. I have been with the company for 11 years. I am a mom to (2) girls plus a bonus mom to (5) other children. I also am a fur mom to two dogs. I also have the pleasure of being a MiMi to my grandson whom I absolutely adore. I have been a member of the Ohio County Virtual Lions for 5 years I believe! I need to look that up! I am also the Zone 2 & 3 Chair for the District. I really enjoy that job!

I volunteer with Lions and Make a Wish. I volunteer because I like to help people and try to make a difference. I am a natural caregiver and have been all my life. I have a special needs daughter, so I am used to taking care of people.

I do apologize for the delay in the newsletter for the month of July and not much information in it. I would like to set a deadline of having items to me by the 20th of the month. Now that I have the first newsletter set up I am sure it will be easier to plug stuff into it. IF you have any suggestions or ideas, PLEASE contact me I never mind some guidance! I am sure I will work on fine tuning the template for myself because I strive to do a good job. It is my goal to have the newsletter to everyone at least by the 1st of every month, but please have a little grace if I am a little delayed as we are all volunteers and life happens!

When you have anything for me to put into the newsletter, please have it to me by the 20th of the month. Email me at trabbold769@comcast.net. If you ever need to contact me via telephone, please call my cell 412-915-9465. Please send photos and tell me who is in the photo and what is happening for that event.

Please have club members make copies for those who do not access the internet for the newsletter. The cost of mailing them out is expensive. If someone would like a newsletter mailed, we ask that a fee of \$12/year for copies mailed to their home. Checks should be made payable to: Dist. 29-L Newsletter and sent to Secretary/Treasurer Bill Syphers at 77 Raven Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003.

Together we serve,

Lion Kris Quinn

