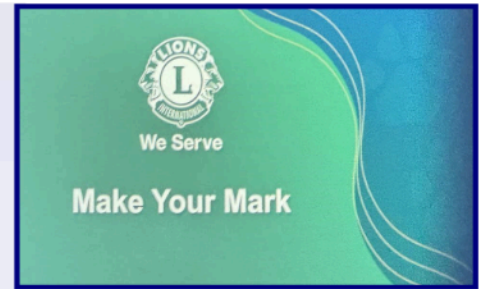




**DISTRICT 29-L
(WV/USA)
SEPTEMBER 2024
Newsletter**

**David
Roberts
District Governor**



2024—2025 29-L CABINET

David Roberts, Governor
Kim Ebert, 2nd VDG
Bill Syphers, Secy / Treas
Bernice Pitcock, GLT Chair
Linda Leasure, GST Chair
Gary Pitcock, GMT / GET Chair
Tony Vandenberg, LCI F Chair
Dan Heintzman, IPDG

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John Porco, Zone 1
Kristine Quinn, Zone 2 / 3
Scott Beaver, Zone 4
Vincent Post, Zone 5
Robert Brummage, Zone 6
Bernard Whipkey, Zone 7
Virginia, Dickens, Zone 8

Ramona Sago, Administrator
Phyllis Amrhein, Newsletter Editor
Kathy Syphers, IT
Amy Houser, Environmental
Eva Dague, LEO
Paul Amrhein, Sight & Hearing /
WVU Liaison
Patty Nutter, Youth Exchange (E)
Michelle Harshbarger, Youth Ex (A)
Lori Roberts, District Conference
Dave Shelton, Reading Action Prog.
Jay Houser, Marketing

Greetings From DG Dave:

By the time you read this, Lion Lori and I have attended several club meetings, attended the Lions Club International Convention in Melbourne, Australia, and have been to the first MD29 Cabinet Meeting.

Our first District 29L Cabinet Meeting was held at the Boaz Lions Club Building in Boaz this past Saturday. Past International Director Lion Larry Johnson attend and installed your Cabinet Officers for 2024-2025. I am pleased and grateful for the Lions who agreed to serve on your district cabinet . They bring great experience, enthusiasm and new ideas to our organization.

One thing I would like to share with you is the cabinet members' availability and willingness to present Lions Informational Programs to your club. So, if you are looking for a good program for your club meetings, here is a great opportunity.

There are several Clubs who have not submitted their current officers to LCI via the Lion Portal. This information needs to be provided, even if the same officers previously served. If your club is having trouble getting this information uploaded, there is help available to get it done. Reach out to me and I will see that you get help.

Mission 1.5 is a membership campaign established by Past International President Dr Patti Hill in an effort to increase the membership of Lions Worldwide to 1.5 Million members. We have a great start but need each club to help by adding new members. You can start by inviting prospective members to join you in a meeting or to visit your club. I believe there are many potential members In every community who would be willing to join if asked to be a part of the Greatest Service Organization in the world. According to Past International President Jimmy Ross, Lions are men and woman who want to help make their community a better place to live and work. Lions Service Projects can be almost anything that helps your community.

Lastly, I am available to visit your Club if you like. My cell phone number is 304 482-2410. You can call me or send me a text

DG Dave



***"We made a difference
for "that one"!"***

West Virginia Sight Conservation Foundation

The form below must be completed after each vision screening and returned to Lion Kim Ebert. The address can be found at the bottom of the form.

Ramona Sago, 29L Trustee



LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICT 29 WEST VIRGINIA VISION SCREENING REPORT

CLUB: _____ DATE OF SCREENING: _____

LOCATION OF SCREENING: _____

EVENT: _____

EQUIPMENT USED: CHECK ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING

KidSight Equipment: A. PediaVision "SPOT"

B. PlusOptix

Adult Equipment: C. Tonometer "Puff Machine"

D. Titimus Visual Acuity

RESULTS

Age Group	Numbered Screened	Numbered Referred	Volunteer Hours
6 Mo. To 6 yrs.			
7 yrs. to 18 yrs.			
19 yrs. Plus			

Lion: _____

Email or Telephone: _____

Mail or email to: Kim Ebert
1170 Avalon Road
Fairmont, WV 26554
Email to:
kimwvlscf@gmail.com

DISTRICT 29-L ADMINISTRATOR
PDG Ramona Sago

**Important information for
the Club Secretary / Treasurer of ALL Clubs**

990-N Non-Profit Tax Reporting

Lions Clubs whose gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less must file Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-postcard).

A Lions Club that fails to file the required e-postcard (or annual return) for three (3) consecutive years automatically loses its tax-exempt status.

The first time to be re-instated will cost the club \$400.
The second time will cost the club \$800.

Filing period begins on July 1st and ends on November 15th of each year.
PLEASE DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO FILE!

Contact DG Ramona Sago at 304-662-6265 or rsago1959@gmail.com if your club does not know how to file.

"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time;
they just have the heart."

-Elizabeth Andrew



Anne Griffith
West Liberty Lion

*With deepest sympathy
we send caring thoughts as
your club members move
through difficult days.*



ROBERT T PICKETT
Fairmont Lions Club

CHAD ERIC LANHAM
Liberty Lions Club

SHARON R BEALL
JENNIFER A BERDINE
Ohio County Virtual Lions Club

MELINDA HOWELL
MARK E OLEXICK
Weirton Lions Club

**PDG BERNICE PITCOCK,
DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CHAIR**

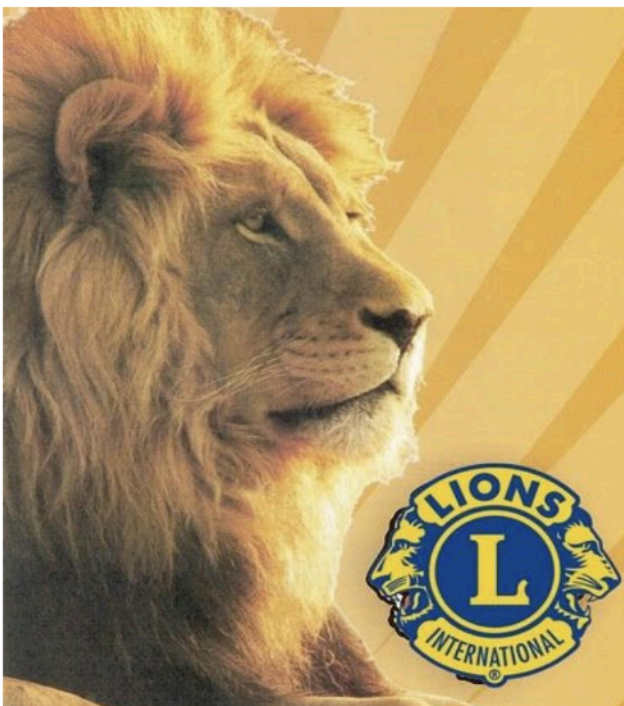
Officer trainings have concluded for this cycle of time. We had in person trainings in Boaz, Barboursville, Wheeling and Morgantown. Thanks to all who attended. It was good to see old friends and meet new ones in person.

We also conducted one Zoom Officer training. The majority of Zone Chairs have also been trained – both in person and per Zoom.

We continue to have portal issues around the District – we are not alone. If you are interested, there is a Facebook page titled “Lion Portal Forum” that shows questions from around the globe and responses both from Lions and from the experts that have given us this new portal.

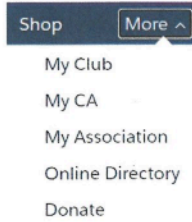
(To the Right) ... Please see the portal info that PDG Bob Moffett provided around one of the repeat questions regarding the portal – **THANKS to PDG Bob for sharing.**

If you have any questions about material we covered during training, or any other leadership concerns, please feel free to contact me at bpit@comcast.net or 304-670-7216.



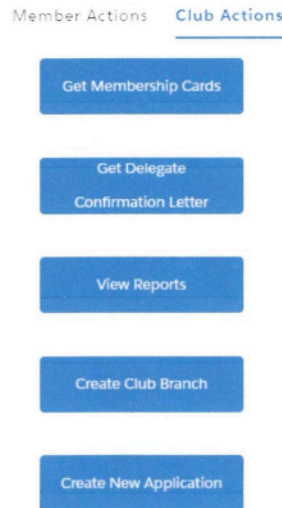
Here is how to find the reports I sent you on the Lions Portal.

1. Once in the Portal, click on "More" at the top. (Last option on right) Then click on "My Club."

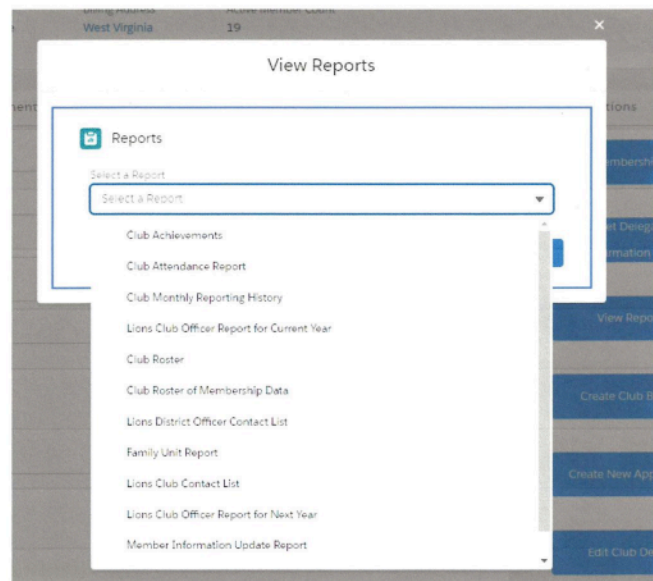


At the right, you'll see a box with Member Actions and Club Actions at the top. "Member Actions" is highlighted, but you don't want that. You want to click on "Club Actions/

Now, you can click on "View Reports (3rd from top of the list).



Now you should see a "View Reports" window on top of everything else. Click on the Down arrow at the right of "Select a Report" and you have a list of reports to view and/or print (they will be ready to download as pdf files.



Take your pick and click on "Submit." I renamed the files to be a little more explanatory when I sent them to you. It takes a long time for some of these to load. Don't ask me why. And when the wheel stops spinning, it may take awhile for the actual page (report) to appear, but it does in time.

I lost count of the number of times I had to delete some of these instructions because I wasn't doing it right. There is nothing about this new system that is intuitive. Some of these will be impossible to read without downloading or printing them first.

Good luck!!

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

As I have said in the past, membership is vitally important. It enables us to do projects in our communities. It's a win/win situation. We gain new members and the community gets to have a project they need to have completed by people who really care. I am giving you ideas every month on how to recruit new members.

These are only ideas that you can choose to use. We are not forcing anything on you or telling you that this has to be done. It is "Your club, Your way."

If you look these ideas over and you like them, or even come up with your own, then try them. The GAT team is here for you. Your Zone Chair is also part of this team. Don't let anyone push you into anything you aren't comfortable with or you don't buy into.

Yours in Lionism,
PDG Gary



THREE MEMBERSHIP RECRUITING PROGRAMS

Program 1: Club membership is divided into 2 or more teams, depending on the size of the club. Each team will have a captain who will organize their group to contact prospective Lions as members for your club. The President & Board of Directors will establish the dates the drive will begin & end. All members, regardless of office or position, will be a member of one of the teams. Recognition of the winning team will be given at a subsequent meeting after the close of the contest.

Program 2: The President will poll the entire membership, asking each member to commit themselves to bringing in one or more new Lions during the campaign. Each member who accepts the challenge will be listed on a permanent record board to be displayed at all meetings. Here again, recognition for the winners should be planned.

Program 3: A "Special Guest Night" is arranged featuring a popular speaker, an entertainer or entertainment group. Prospective members are invited by the club to this gala event. Prior to the event, the secretary is advised of the name & address of each guest prospect. A letter on club stationery outlining the many features & advantages of the club will be mailed to the prospect.





Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

NATURAL DISASTER KNOWS NO BORDERS

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.

Devastating natural disasters have recently struck across the globe, including:

- Destructive typhoons and hurricanes in Australia, Jamaica, Philippines and the United States
- Catastrophic flooding in Bangladesh, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, India, Kenya, Korea, Mali, Nepal and Sri Lanka
- Ravaging wildfires in Canada, Nepal and the United States

When humanitarian crises of this magnitude strike, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is LCIF. Between July 1 and August 15, 2024, LCIF has awarded nearly 40 disaster relief grants totaling more than US\$400,000, including a Major Catastrophe Grant of US\$100,000 for the floods in Kerala, India.

At <https://lcifpride.org/> you can see recent LCIF Stories of Pride.

- Tornado relief in NW Arkansas
- Hurricane Debbie recovery in Florida and Coastal Georgia

LCIF's Facebook address is <https://www.facebook.com/LCIFLions>

You can share love, peace, and cooperation worldwide by donating to the Empowering Service Fund for any of LCIF's causes, or more specifically to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund. 100% of your donations go toward grants and programs and qualify for Melvin Jones Fellowship. Administrative and fundraising expenses are funded by investment income.

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

Lion Tony Vandenberg, LCIF District 29-L Coordinator



**Lion Amy Houser,
District Environmental Chair**

The Crayon Initiative is a wonderful recycling program that keeps crayons out of the landfill where they never biodegrade, and repurposes them for child life programs in hospitals all

over the country. Collecting new or used crayons can easily be tailored to your club and your community. You can create collection boxes or purchase some on their website and place those collection boxes in restaurants, schools, your community building, church, etc. The crayons are shipped to the Crayon Collective where they recycle them and distribute them to kids who can enjoy them while in treatment at area hospitals. For more detailed information, please visit thecrayoninitiative.org.



Congratulations to the Fairmont Lions Club and the Midtown Leo Club for their E-Waste Recycling event in August! Stay tuned for more Environmental



Marketing 101: Telling a Good Story

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

Over the next few months, we will get into more details on how to market your club, but for now let's start with the fundamentals:

1. Each club should have a marketing chair.
2. Does your club have a Lions e-clubhouse website?
3. Facebook pages are a must have.
4. Does your club submit articles and/or photos to your local newspaper?
5. When was the last time your club was seen on TV?
6. Radio is another great marketing tool to get the word out.
7. Team up with other like-minded service organizations and don't be afraid to think outside the box.

I know what you're thinking, what does all this cost? Well not one red cent! My club has used all the above at no cost and to great effect. So, get busy telling your story and stay tuned ... more to come!

Thanks for all you do,
PDG Jay Houser



Gijay180@yahoo.com

304-580-6322

NEW CUMBERLAND LIONS CLUB

Thank you again to New Cumberland and the entire community for supporting our pulled pork fundraiser.

As always, thank you to our dedicated Lion volunteers: Rich Zumer, Dan Smith, Jeanne Cox, Andrew Kefer, Sally Greathouse, Bill Greathouse, Jeanette Hess, Don Deemer, Shauna Andrews, Jim Gillespie, Jennifer Meeker, Bob McNeil, Peggy Lee, Betsy Wells, Jim Wells and guest helper Natalie Burrell. Also, thank you to Warren Wright for the use of his roasters.

Our next event is the Riverfest, September 28-29. As always, we use the proceeds from these events to support the local community. We appreciate your support and welcome your feedback.

.PHOTO: from left Dan Smith, Jeannette Hess, Rich Zumer, Don Deemer, Jeanne Cox, Andrew Kefer.



ATTENTION PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES

Thank you to those clubs who have sent articles for publication in the Monthly 29-L Newsletter.

If your club is using other social media to share your upcoming events and service activities, please remember to include an e-mail address for the newsletter as well to save you both time and effort

Send any/all information you want to include by the **20th of each month to:** pamrhein25@att.net

Only information received in this e-mail will be entered in the newsletter. Also, please check to see if every member has been receiving the newsletter. For those who do not have internet access, please make a copy available for them.

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Leadership
Experience
Opportunities
Service

Midtown Leo Club Receives Charter

The Midtown Leo Club, sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club, was presented its charter from Lions International following a practice session for the Leos and Lions to learn how to disassemble electronic equipment for the Lions and Leo clubs' e-waste recycling event in August. The Leo club's four charter members were also recognized at the special meeting. Leo President Kenzie Niezgoda said, "Being a part of this is teaching me to be a better person." Savannah Corder is vice president. Middletown Commons in White Hall is providing space for the Leo club to hold their meetings.

Pictured left to right are Armani Islam, Savannah Corder, Nina Corder and Kenzie Niezgoda.

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB

The Fairmont Lions Club and the Midtown Leo Club (newly sponsored by the Fairmont Lions Club) worked together for an e-waste recycling event held Saturday, August 10. Four Leos, two parents worked with members of the Fairmont Lions Club collecting, disassembling, and sorting over 200 cell phones, iPads, laptops, home computers, printers and other e-waste items which included some microwave ovens and small refrigerators. These items are kept out of the landfill. Volunteers from a local food pantry were also on-hand to accept food and monetary donations. The Lions club also accepted toys and books to be given away at the club's annual Christmas party for disadvantaged children at Fairmont's Union Mission. The Lions, Leos and other volunteers put in approximately 94 volunteer hours for this event

The Fairmont Lions have also arranged with a White Hall Ship and More to locate a drop box in the business to accept e-waste during business hours and have picked up recyclable materials from local businesses and delivered them for recycling.



Mt Olivet Lions Club

The Mt Olivet Lions made a donation to the Bethlehem family who recently lost everything to a house fire. Family consists of: Mom, Dad, Grandmother, and five children.

Pictured are the Riccadonna family accepting the donation from club president, Lion Mary Ann Nolte, with Lions Paul Amrhein and Connie Wright looking on.



Randy Chamberlain was guest speaker at our recent meeting. He spoke about his book, Memories From Around the Mound, and talked about memories from his childhood and his life in Moundsville.



President Mary Ann Nolte presented IPP Connie Wright with a plaque in appreciation for her service the last two years as our club President.

Chester Lions Club

The Chester Lions Club helped celebrate the World's Largest Teapot Day by taking part in the annual celebration held by the Teapot Committee on August 10th. The club sold sno-cones, popcorn, brooms, and raffled off a vintage wagon full of summertime goodies donated by President Jodie Juszcak. The Lions also helped set up and take down tables, tents, and chairs for the event organizers. This is a fundraiser for the club, but more importantly it is always fun to get out and be a part of community festivities, such as this.



FRIENDLY LIONS CLUB

Pictured below is a BINGO session at the Tyler County Fair. This is the Friendly Lions Club's largest fundraiser of the year.

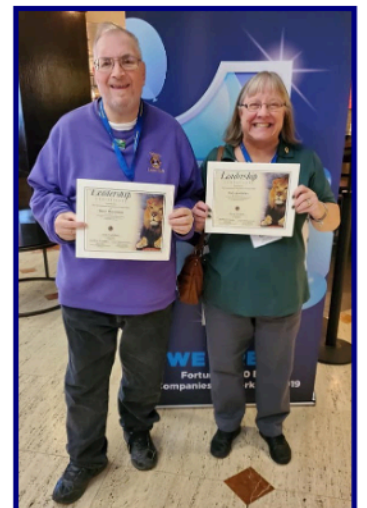
Also, the Friendly Lions screened twenty-nine children at the Tyler County FRN Back To School Fair.



The Friendly Lions Club will be celebrating their 65th anniversary on Tuesday, September 24 at the Friendly Community Center in Friendly, WV. Meeting will start at 6:00pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. Menu is a chicken dish or baked steak. Veggie, salad, dessert, and drinks are included. Cost is \$25 per person.

**Please RSVP Lion Bobette Grimm (bobettegrimm15@gmail.com)
by September 10th.**

Guest Speaker will be PDG Mary Ann Belles from District 14B in Pennsylvania. She served as District Governor during 2021-2022.



WHEELING LIONS CLUB

Wheeling Lions Club members enjoying fellowship, friends and good food at our annual picnic on August 21st. I good time was had by all.



Photos needed!

Did you attend the WV Lions Leadership Retreat in January? Do you have photos you can share with the planning committee? We would love your photos to use as promotional materials for the January 2025 WV Lions Leadership Retreat!

Please contact Amy Houser at WilliamstownLionsClub@yahoo.com.



Mark your calendar NOW!

MARCH 14 — 15, 2025

**DISTRICT 29-L CONFERENCE
Parkersburg, West Virginia**

Details to follow ...

You don't want to miss it!!

"WE SERVE"

WHERE THERE'S A NEED

THERE'S A LION



HEAR ME ROAR!

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CALENDAR

- Sept 5-6-7 USA/Canada Forum in Louisville, Kentucky
- Sept. 10 Moundsville NOON DG Visit
- Sept. 14 PDG Meeting, New Martinsville WV, Quinet's Restaurant at noon.
- Sept. 24 New Cumberland DG Visit, 6:30 pm
- Sept 27-29 District 29I Conference in Berkley Springs, WV
- Oct. 3 Mt Olivet DG Visit, 6pm
- Oct. 10 Fairmont DG Visit, 6:30 pm
- Oct 19-20 District 29C Conference in South Charleston, WV
- Oct 20 2nd Council of Governors Meeting , South Charleston, WV
- Jan 24-26 WV Lions Leadership Retreat in Flatwoods, WV

UPCOMING EVENTS IN DISTRICT 29L

- Sep 24 Friendly Lions 65th Anniversary

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