

DISTRICT 29I NEWSLETTER

October 2026



We Serve

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

10 Tips for a Successful LCIF Grant Application

- 1 — Choose a Project** Choose a project that meets an unmet humanitarian need in an underserved community. Assess local needs, Lions' ability to lead and raise funds, and potential partners. *Active Lion involvement is essential for approval.*
- 2 — Discuss Your Idea** Share your idea with local Lions leaders, club LCIF coordinators, community partners and experts, LCIF technical advisors, and LCIF staff. *LCIF staff can guide you through the submission process.*
- 3 — Select the Right Grant Program** Explore LCIF grant programs at lionsclubs.org/grants. Each program has specific eligibility criteria; the District and Club Community Impact Grant program supports a wide range of projects.
- 4 — Build Your Project Plan** Create a detailed plan covering goals, objectives, timeline, budget, and evaluation. A strong plan shows organizational readiness and improves the likelihood of approval.
- 5 — Review the Requirements** Review the chosen program's criteria, required documents, formatting rules, and all other application instructions.
- 6 — Secure Matching Funds** Many LCIF grants require matching funds. Identify funding sources early and collect proof, such as bank statements, of available local funds.
- 7 — Complete the Application Accurately** Complete every section thoroughly and accurately. To avoid delays, follow all formatting and submission instructions.
- 8 — Submit Early** Applications requiring LCIF Board of Trustees approval are due 90 days before the meeting at which they will be reviewed. Submit early to allow time for review and revisions.
- 9 — Know Every Deadline** Meet all submission deadlines. Some programs review applications on a rolling basis; consult each application form for exact dates.
- 10 — Track Progress and Share Your Story** After receipt, LCIF assigns your application a tracking number for the grant life cycle. Once complete, the application goes to the appropriate approving body.

Lion Gray Jones
District Governor, 29I
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(304) 707-5049

Many applications receive full approval—*stay positive!* When the project ends, share your story at lionsclubs.org/ShareYourStory.

Calendar of Events

January 29th through 31st 2027 – Leadership Conference, Flatwoods Conference Center in Flatwood, WV

February 13th through 21st 2027 – Youth Services Week

May 29th through June 6th 2027 – Environment Services Week

CLUB OFFICERS:

LCI WILL NO LONGER SEND PAPER INVOICES AS OF 15JUL2025.

CLUBS CAN REQUEST PAPER BILLING BY CALLING LCI ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AT 630-203-3810

SERVING OUR COMMUNITIES – THEN WHAT?

BY FVDG Diana Bedell



As Lions, we SERVE our communities. I have read and heard many of you talk about how you and your clubs serve. It is all awe inspiring. You collect canned goods and personal hygiene items and stock food pantries; you collect clothing and furniture for those in need; you feed the hungry and the unhomed population, you build ramps so persons can get into their homes, you do disaster relief work and the list goes on.

District Governor Gray Jones has asked everyone to think outside of the box this year and come up with different service projects – this can include partnering with other groups and even requesting grant monies. What will your club choose to do? We look forward to seeing some creativity in this regard.

Many clubs across the Multiple District are piggybacking on a project which was started by Lion Ramona Sago of District L. Clubs and zones have been asked to contribute items or monies for Care Kits which will go to the pediatric patients at WVU Children's Hospital. This is a great project and if you have already done so, I suggest you reach out if you want to learn more.

So, we know the Service piece, then what? When I look at the most recent Club Health Assessment, I see that we have about twelve clubs that have not reported any service projects for two to four years. It would be great if we could completely erase this deficit. Lion Beth White, District GST, will be working with these clubs to see if these numbers can be updated to current. (See the attached, Who Can Report Service). If your club has completed a service, contact Lion Beth or your District leadership team and let us help you update the hard work you and your clubs do.

I hope to see many of you at the District Fall Conference in Bridgeport on October 17!

Also, the MD Leadership Retreat is back in 2027 (January 29-31) at the Days Inn, Flatwoods. Great speakers, a Friday night movie night and a good time to learn about Lionism at its best. Sign up now!

We encourage all GAT team members, zone chairs, and cabinet members to contribute articles to the district newsletter by sending information to Lion Jim Mullen at Lions29newsletter@yahoo.com
Continue to Roar Loudly and Be Rooted in Service as we Serve our Communities!

Lion Diana



Who Can Report Service

For clubs and districts through the Lion Portal

Lions clubs

Lions club president
Lions club secretary
Lions club service chairperson
Multiple district / district global service team (GST) coordinator
Multiple district / district / club administrator
Multiple district / district / club information technology chairperson
District / club protocol chairperson
Guiding Lions (for sponsored club)

Leo clubs

Leo club president
Leo club secretary
Leo club advisor
Sponsoring Lions club president
Sponsoring Lions club secretary
Multiple district / district / sponsoring club administrator

Districts

District governor
Cabinet secretary
Cabinet secretary / treasurer
Multiple district / district GST coordinator
Multiple district / district administrator
Multiple district / district information technology chairperson
District Leo chairperson
District childhood cancer / diabetes / environment / hunger / vision chairperson
District Youth Camp and Exchange chairperson
District protocol chairperson

Multiple districts

Council chairperson
Council secretary
Council secretary / treasurer
Multiple district GST coordinator
Multiple district administrator
Multiple district information technology chairperson
Multiple district Leo chairperson
Multiple district childhood cancer / diabetes / environment / hunger / vision chairperson
Multiple district Youth Camp and Exchange chairperson
Multiple district protocol chairperson

November 2024

WHAT ARE LEADER DOGS ABOUT?

BY FVDG Diana Bedell

Leader Dogs invited First Vice District Governors from around the United States, in addition to some Top Dog Contributors to spend a day in Rochester Hills, MI, at the Leader Dog compound. The Leader Dog center covers approximately three acres – including client residence when on campus, dining area, gathering area, and training center complete with what are described as a “village” and “suites.” Lifetime giving from MD 29 totals \$455,667.77. Leader Dog has served 103 clients in West Virginia, including 93 Guide Dog teams, 10 Orientation and Mobility (O&M) clients and no Teen Summer campers. It currently has four active guide dog teams in West Virginia. This equates to over \$9.3 million in Leader Dog service provided to West Virginia residents at no cost to the residents or the state. The support received from Lions in West Virginia has significantly enhanced the lives of WV clients through mobility training and services, as well as fostering confidence, independence, and more inclusive communities.

Not only did we learn the history of Leader Dogs – 90 years strong, but we got to share in blindfold experiences, learning to walk with a white cane and being led by a trained Leader Dog. I did much better with a white cane than I did being led by a trained dog. The trainers are absolutely amazing and they are intense. Approximately two hundred Golden Retrievers and Labs are trained annually. They only use these two breeds at present – no longer train German Shepherds due to temperament. Once a pup reaches 7 weeks old, it is fostered by a puppy raiser (anyone can apply). From 7 weeks to 12 or 14 months, a pup is with a raiser learning the ropes of traveling and going to public offices, stores, and churches. The pups are then assessed and if all goes well, are trained at the center by certified handlers. Quite the process. After receiving training, the dogs are then matched with clients and sometimes, depending on needs of a client, need to receive additional training. As a footnote, Purina donates 96,000 pounds of dog food to Leader Dogs annually. It costs roughly \$110,000 to train a guide dog that can work, barring health issues, seven to eight years before entering retirement.



Clients normally spend four to six weeks at Leader Dogs if learning to train with a guide dog and three weeks if on campus for O&M training. During our learning session, we had alumni members of Leader Dogs show us the ropes in the dining room and in the client rooms. Each dorm room is easily accessible and has a door to the hallway and a door to the outside in order to let the dog out for a stroll for bathroom duty.

Our day of training ended with a Dinner in the Dark, consisting of chicken marcella, mashed potatoes, broccoli, salad, rolls and butter and dessert. As we were all blindfolded, the servers explained where items were on the plate – chicken at 6 o'clock, potatoes at 10 and broccoli at 2. My hopes are that some of our own clubs will try this and experience what we felt. My table neighbor tried to use my spoon when she became disoriented, and I found my butter container in my salad – don't ask.

This is just a brief synopsis, but I hope you have a little better understanding of Leader Dogs and will search the web to read more about this wonderful organization or opt to become a puppy raiser.

Lion Diana

District 29-I Fall Conference Schedule

October 17, 2026

Benedum Civic Center

Bridgeport, West Virginia

9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.

**Registration
Coffee and Pastries/Fellowship**

10:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

**Welcome by District Governor Jones
Convening of District 29-I Cabinet Meeting**

11:45 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

**Luncheon
Keynote Speaker – Lion Wayne Worth
Special Awards – PID Steve Glass/DG Jones
Parade of Checks Results**

Afternoon of Learning Opportunities

1:15 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.

**Integrated Club Officer Training -
Led by PID Steve Glass**

2:05 P.M. – 2:50 P.M.

**Explanation of our District Goals – DG Jones and FVDG
Bedell**

2:55 P.M. – 3:40 P.M.

**Meet Our District Global Action Team – Panel Discussion
led by GMT PCC Rob Bright, GLT PCC Ken Shahan, and
GST Lion Beth White.**

3:40 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

**Wrap Up, Questions, Door Prize Drawings and
Adjournment by DG Jones**

29I District Goals

- Achieve a net increase of 10 new members in the district.
- By the end of 2026-2027 year, we will have at least 85% of our clubs reporting at least one of their monthly services in the Lion Portal.
- To have the majority of the club presidents, vice presidents, and zone chairs attend and complete online training at the Lions Learning Center and attend any district club officer training that is held.
- Ensure that our clubs and/or individual Lions contribute at least \$30,000 to LCIF during the fiscal year.

**District 29-I Second Cabinet Meeting Agenda
October 17, 2026**

Call to Order and Welcome Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance Introduction of Cabinet Members and Guests Remarks by DG Jones and FVDG Bedell (focus on what has been accomplished to support clubs) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting Financial Report by the Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Glass Status of Club Dues Updates to Cabinet Directory (if any) Approval of LCIF EMR No. 29006 Final Report Update on District GAT Goals and Objectives (focus on what has been accomplished to support clubs) Update on Zone Chairpersons' Goals and Objectives (focus on what has been accomplished to support clubs) Update on Activities Chairpersons' Goals and Objectives (focus on what has been accomplished to support clubs) Promotion of 2027 WVLLR/2027 State Convention Consider next cabinet meeting date, location, and time Open Discussion-Cafeteria-Networking Adjournment	District Governor Jones First Vice District Governor Bedell District Governor Jones Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Glass Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Glass Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Glass Cabinet Secretary- Treasurer Glass GAT members Zone Chairpersons Programs Chairpersons FVDG Bedell and CST Glass
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PARADE OF CHECKS FORM

**DISTRICT 29- I FALL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 17,2026**

Please complete this form and return it to the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer (at the address below) or via e-mail by Saturday, October 10th. **Individual checks should be made out to each program as listed.** Checks may be presented to the Cabinet Secretary at the registration desk on Saturday morning. Clubs not attending the conference should **mail** checks to the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer PID Steve Glass. Each club will be recognized at the banquet and the amounts donated will be acknowledged provided this procedure is followed.

PROGRAMS

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF)	\$_____
WV LIONS SIGHT CONSERVATION Foundation (WVLSCF)	\$_____
YOUTH EXCHANGE	\$_____
ROMNEY D&B STUDENT WORK PROGRAM	\$_____
LEADER DOGS	\$_____
PILOT DOGS	\$_____
DISASTER RELIEF	\$_____
OTHER	\$_____

PID Steve Glass
922 East Ave.
Shinnston, WV 26431

TOTAL DONATIONS \$_____



Introducing You to Lion AI

“A Simple Tool in Help Lions Serve Even Better”

What is Lions AI?

Lion AI is a helpful computer tool that can support Lions Clubs with everyday tasks. Think of it like a friendly assistant that can write things, organize information, and help you plan. This is a step toward a future where every Lion has a support they need to lead with purpose: serving communities.

“How Lions AI Helps Lions Clubs”

1. **Help with communication**, by writing clear messages for newsletters, events announcements and social media.
2. **Makes planning easier by:** creating checklists and schedules for service projects and fundraisers.
3. **Supports club leaders:** providing simple guides for running meetings or training new members.
4. **Connects clubs worldwide:** sharing ideas and success stories from other Lions around the world.
5. **Reduces paperwork by:** drafting and summaries so members can spend more time serving.

“Why Lions AI Matter”

Lion AI helps Lions focus on do best, **helping people**. Instead of spending hours writing reports or planning events, members can use Lion AI to handle the busy work, leaving more time for service, fellowship and community impact.

“Our Motto, Made Easier”

“We Serve” – and with Lions AI, we can see **more people, more often** and with **less stress**.

‘How to use Lion AI with Confidence’

You don’t need to be “good with computers” to use Lion AI. If you can type a question the same way you’d ask a fellow Lion, Lion AI can help you. Here’s the simplest way to think about it.

“Just type what you need – in plain, everyday language”

- “Write a short message inviting members to our next meeting.”
- “Help me plan a fundraiser for vision screening.”
- “Explain how to run a board meeting in simple steps.”
- “Create a checklist for our food-drive project.”

You don’t need special commands, fancy words, or technical knowledge. Lion AI understands normal conversation and responds clearly.

“A Helpful Mindset”

Think of Lion AI like a **patient volunteer** who is always ready to help you write, plan, or organize – and never gets tired.

“If You’re Unsure What to Type”

Start with: “**I need help with....**” And finish the sentence. That’s all it takes.

DGLT – PCC Ken Shahan

LIONS OF WEST VIRGINIA LEADERSHIP RETREAT

January 29-31, 2027

Flatwoods Days Inn & Suites and Conference Center

Registration Deadline: **January 15, 2027**

Enjoy a weekend filled with seminars that elevate your Lions experience, dynamic motivational speakers, informative displays, Lions merchandise, a Silent Auction, a welcoming hospitality room, exciting door prizes, excellent meals, and plenty of fun and fellowship. Specific seminar details will be provided in District newsletters.

Registration Fee:

\$105.00 Friday, Saturday, Sunday – Three banquet meals, seminars & materials

Early Bird Discount Save \$15.00 IF you book your Days Inn room **by October 15, 2026**

Hotel Reservation Confirmation No.		Date Reserved:	
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Rooms: Contact Days Inn at 866-700-7284 (*mention you are with the WV Lions Retreat*)

Rates: \$128 King \$133 Queen (2 beds) \$123 Double (2 beds)

Breakfast is included for individuals staying at the hotel.

Deadline to Reserve Rooms at above rates: **December 29, 2026**

Check In Date:		Check Out Date:	
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NAME:			
NAME:			
ADDRESS:			
PHONE:		EMAIL:	
CLUB NAME:		DISTRICT:	
FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE:			
SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:			

\$105 per person (X 2 = \$210)	\$90 per person (x 2 = \$180) (<u>only</u> if you qualify for Early Bird Special)	AMOUNT ENCLOSED:	
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Make checks payable to: **Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat or LWVLR**

Mail check and form to: **PCC Cindy Glass, 922 East Avenue, Shinnston, WV 26431**

Email: cinwa130@gmail.com; Phone: 304-203-2006

“LEADERSHIP and LEARNING are INDISPENSABLE to each other”



NOTE: There is a fillable pdf registration form on the [29I Website](#)

Seminars for 2027 LWVLR

1. **Basic Roles and Responsibilities of the Big 4 (president, secretary, treasurer, membership chairperson)** *You keep asking me to take one of these roles. Before I do, I want to know what is expected of them and what their duties are.* This seminar is designed to inform prospective and aspiring club officers of their duties and responsibilities and to encourage them to take on leadership roles at the club level. Target audience: All attendees
Facilitator: **PDG Micheal Gibbs, District OH-1 Rushsylvania Lions Club, Rushsylvania, OH**
2. **Understanding Diversity: A zebra is not a horse!** This seminar will involve an inward focus for individual Lions as well as an outward focus. It will explore ways that we can look at ourselves and what we do to make our clubs attractive to diverse groups of prospective Lions as well as newer members. Utilizing an analogy that she discovered during LCIP Training in Toronto, Dawn has developed an innovative way to examine our likenesses and differences to better appreciate diversity. Target audience: All Lions
Facilitator: **PDG Dawn Rice Norton, Medford Lions Club, Medford, MA and DGE Seminar Group Leader**
3. **AI is the roadmap to achieving our Mission** Artificial Intelligence – what are you talking about? What is this new thing that everyone is talking about? Should I be afraid of it? A renowned leader will provide the answers to these and many other questions and show you how to harness the opportunity to utilize AI to increase your leadership skills and enhance your club and district.
Facilitator: **ID Daniel Elkins, Bellefonte Lions Club, District 22-D, Wilmington, DE and past International Board appointee.**
4. **Effective Public Speaking** This seminar will discuss the steps in planning for and preparing for any type of public speaking engagement that one might face as a leader. It will provide tips on overcoming anxiety associated with having to deliver a speech to a group of any size and practice techniques you can use to become comfortable. Target audience: All attendees
Facilitator: **Lion Kelton Boblits, past president of the University of Charleston Lions Club, District 29-C**
5. **Ethical Leadership: the real key to retention and membership engagement**
Leading and serving with integrity and compassion is a key necessity to building, strengthening, and growing our ability to serve effectively. This seminar will deal with self-examination and the culture within our clubs. We will look at key ethics policies that are designed to strengthen our CORE Values.
Target audience: All attendees
Facilitator: **PID Steve Glass, Shinnston Lions Club and PCC of Multiple District 29.**
6. **Lionism in West Virginia: Past, Present, and Future!** This seminar is intended to be an orientation for all Lions as it examines the origins of our existence in West Virginia and tracks our history as well as examines our future hopes. Target audience: All attendees
Facilitator: **Lion Rick Thorn, Valley District Lions Club, District 29-I**
7. **The Roles and Responsibilities of Being a Zone Chairperson** *Incoming district governors and other district leaders keep asking me to become a zone chairperson. Before I say yes, tell me what my obligations are. What does a zone chairperson do? What is expected of them? Do I have the personality traits to make an effective zone chairperson? Are there any rewards involved in performing this role? Tell me more.* This seminar is designed to discuss the basic duties of this position and the resources available to assist the zone chairperson. You will learn of the very valuable role that the zone chairperson plays in the success of the clubs and the district and the many rewards that it brings.
Facilitators: **FVDG Diana Bedell, past president of the Bridgeport Lions Club, District 29-I and three-time zone chairperson of Zone 8 of District 29-I**

8. **Delegate, Don't Dominate!**

My plate is too full. Why can't I get everything done that I need to do? I'm suffering burn out! Are these questions that you ask yourself? Perhaps it's time that you start trusting others to help you. This seminar is designed to equip you to learn the skills and competencies needed to help you learn how to delegate tasks to others with confidence and to build a team and succession planning in the process.

Target audience: All attendees

Facilitator: **PDG Chris Wooters, District 22-C, Waldorf Lions Club, Prince Frederick, MD**

9. **Time Management** Time is a precious commodity for all of us, especially those who are in leadership roles. PDG Wendy is an expert on time management and personal planning, and she will impart her vast knowledge of the subject with those who want to eliminate procrastination in their lives and learn how to manage unnecessary stress. Many tips will be shared with those who want to improve their time management skills.

Target audience: All attendees

Facilitator: **PDG Wendy Cain, Five-time DGE Seminar Group Leader and facilitator at several past Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreats**

10. **Servant Leadership** Lead to serve, Serve to Lead. Where have we heard that phrase before? Being a servant leader is the epitome of this phrase. In this seminar you will learn about the five practices of highly effective leaders and how serving is leading and leading is serving – you can't be one without the other!

Facilitator: **Past International Director Jay Moughon, Clifton Lions Club, Clifton, VA**

11. **The rewards of being a district governor: the positives far outweigh any negatives!** What keeps most qualified Lions from stepping in to this vital role? Is it fear of the unknown? Is it fear of failure? Is it the perceived time commitment? This seminar will recount the positive experiences of three highly successful district governors who will share their best experiences from their respective journeys. They will emphasize how the team approach helped them to be successful and enjoy the journey!

Facilitators: **PDG Kim Ebert, PDG Lisa Keffer, PCC Cindy Glass**

12. **Successful Project Management Through Effective Team Management** "Teamwork makes the dreamwork" goes the old saying. This seminar will explore strategies to build an effective team that will ensure that your club projects are successful and incorporate all points of view. It blends project management strategies and key concepts of team building. From a project team to a district cabinet, this facilitator will provide practical tips on how to build and maintain a high performing dynamic team.

Target audience: All attendees

Facilitator: **PCC Gary Boyd, Jr., Alum Creek Lions Club and Guiding Lion of the University of Charleston Lions Club**

SAVE THE DATE!
It's Coming Back!

LIONS OF WV LEADERSHIP RETREAT
— LEARN. LEAD. INSPIRE. —

JANUARY 29 - 31, 2027
FLATWOODS CONVENTION CENTER
Flatwoods, West Virginia

ENGAGING LEADERSHIP SESSIONS
INTERACTIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES
FELLOWSHIP & NETWORKING WITH LIONS ACROSS THE STATE
FRESH IDEAS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR CLUB AND COMMUNITY

Mark Your Calendar Now!
MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION COMING SOON.

We Serve.



LIONS OF WEST VIRGINIA LEADERSHIP RETREAT FIRST-TIMER SCHOLARSHIP

The District Governors of the MD-29 Council of Governors would like to offer four scholarships from each District for first-time attendees to the Lions of WV Leadership Retreat, January 29-31, 2027. We are looking for Lions that are interested in becoming future leaders and would like to increase their knowledge in Lionism.

NAME	
ADDRESS	
EMAIL	
PHONE	
CLUB NAME	
YEAR YOU JOINED	

Please indicate why you are interested in attending the Leadership Retreat. List any past or present Lions office you have held and any other leadership roles you have had, if any. A separate sheet may be attached.

SIGNATURE		DATE	
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Deadline to apply: December 31, 2026

Each District may select up to four Lions for first time attendee scholarships from their District.

Those selected must pay their own registration fee, and once they attend the retreat the fee will be reimbursed by the multiple district. Lodging will be the responsibility of the individual Lion.

Please send application to: DG Tony Vandenberg, 29-L

Email ajv6170@yahoo.com

DG Jo Ellen Browning, 29-C

Email jesbrowning@yahoo.com

PDG Gray Jones, 29-I

Email liongrayjones@gmail.com

29I CABINET CONTACT LIST FOR 2026 – 2027

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2 nd Vice District Governor		Vacant		
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Zone 3 Chair		Daryl See	304-851-0786	mrsafetyjmu@gmail.com
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Zone 7 Chair	Melodie Nichols (Zone 7A) and Tracy Brady (Zone 7B)		304-476-5309 304-695-8256	Mel659@aol.com Tracylbradypta@aol.com
Zone 8 Chair	Paula Shahan		304-629--5091	Paulashahan@aol.com
Zone 9 Chair	Linda Aman		304-476-0700	flatuated@aol.com
DGMT Membership	Rob Bright		304-813-2568	Rbright60@hotmail.com
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DGST Service	Beth White		304-672-1456	bethlwhite55@yahoo.com
DGET Extension	Vacant			
Sight & Hearing Conserv	Rick Thorn		304-276-0229	Vanthorn596@gmail.com
LCIF Coordinator	Roy Murphy		304-626-0854	Jaybirdmurphy85@gmail.com
Newsletter/Marketing/ Publicity/ IT/Technology	Jim Mullen		410-271-8184	LIONS29newsletter@yahoo.com
Quest	Vacant			
Blind Ski Recreation	Vacant			
Service Dog	Robin Faris		304-629-6798	Farisrobin54@gmail.com
Diabetes	Cheryl Roberts		304-707-2020	cdlroberts@comcast.net
Youth Exchange (Elected)	Lorrie Krautwurst		304-467-9868	LorrieK351@gmail.com
Youth Exchange (Appted)	Henry Krautwurst		304-467-1032	Henryk248@gmail.com
Environment	Wayne Worth		304-709-2646	wayneoworth@hotmail.com
Disaster Relief & Recovery	Wayne Worth		304-709-2646	wayneoworth@hotmail.com
District Conference Chair	Sue Long		301-707-8503	susanplong51@gmail.com
Administrator	Steve Glass		304-203-2988	scjglass@aol.com
Romney Student Work Program	Roy Knight		504-439-1986	royknight@frontiernet.net

NOTES: The Cabinet member emails are hyperlinked. Clicking on an email address should open your email and address the email to that individual in the “send to” line. This Table will be (or is) on the [29I website](#) through the [MD29 website](#). (These are hyperlinked also)



Multiple District 29

Lions For Little Hearts



Dear Club Presidents, Secretaries, Zone Chairs and Club Members,

I am writing to share the **Lions For Little Hearts initiative** and invite your club to participate in a meaningful state-wide effort to support pediatric cancer patients.

Enclosed with this message is the Lions For Little Hearts flyer, outlining how Lions in WV Multiple District 29 are providing comfort, courage, and encouragement to children undergoing treatment. Each club is asked to contribute, as you are able, a **\$50 donation or more** toward the creation of Lions For Little Hearts Comfort Kits. Your club might consider a special fundraiser for this purpose.

You may send your club's \$50 donation directly to your District Treasurer, and you should specify the funds as **Care Kits** on the memo line for purchasing comfort items. All purchasing will be coordinated by PDGs **Ramona Sago** and **Kim Ebert** to ensure consistency across all kits. Please reach out if you would like to help in some way.

Please note that **all donations must be received no later than October 31, 2026**. A complete list of club contributions will be maintained for multiple district records and transparency.

Once all donations are collected, the comfort kits will be assembled and delivered to the hospital in one coordinated district trip. A follow-up letter and photo will be included in each **district newsletter** so every club can see the impact of their support.

Thank you for your continued dedication to serving children and families in our communities. Your participation in Lions For Little Hearts helps bring comfort and courage to those who need it most.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG **Ramona Sago** Multiple District 29 GST
rsago1959@gmail.com - 985-227-6771

Checks are to be made out to each district treasurer and on the memo line put Lions For Little Hearts



LIONS FOR LITTLE HEARTS
Compassion in Every Paw. Courage in Every Child.

SUPPORTING PEDIATRIC CANCER PATIENTS WITH COMFORT, CARE, AND COURAGE

Lions For Little Hearts is a service initiative of the Lions Clubs of WV District I dedicated to bringing comfort to children battling cancer.

We provide thoughtful items that offer encouragement, reduce stress, and remind each child they are strong, brave, and never alone.

SERVING WVU MEDICINE GOLISANO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

COMFORT ITEMS WE PROVIDE MAY INCLUDE:

- Stuffed Lions
- Activity & Coloring Books
- Blankets & Cozy Items
- Comfort & Self-Care Items
- Encouragement Cards & Notes

Small gifts. Big impact. These items bring smiles, lift spirits, and help kids stay strong during their treatment journey.

YOU CAN HELP!

- ✓ Make a financial contribution
- ✓ Spread the word and get others involved
- ✓ Make comfort kits with your club
- ✓ Support Lions for Little Hearts in your community

feel seen, supported, and brave.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO GET INVOLVED, CONTACT:

- Kim Ebert**
(C) 304-657-7755
(E) kimwvlscf@gmail.com
- Ramona Sago**
(C) 985-227-6771
(E) rsago1959@gmail.com

LIONS SERVING CHILDREN. CHANGING LIVES. TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Lions District 29-I Flood Relief Effort Continues

Information submitted by:

Linda Aman Zone 9 Chairperson of Jane Lew Lions Club

Paula Shahan Zone 8 Chairperson & Nutter Fort Lions Club Secretary

During the July flood cleanup MD29 Secretary/Treasurer PCC Ken Shahan contacted Lion Wayne Worth to see what supplies he needed for food cleanup. After contacting the District Governors with the request to authorize funds from the MD 29 Disaster Relief Fund, DG Gray Jones made a motion to spend \$1,000. DG Tony Vandenberg seconded the motion. PCC Ken purchased two commercial fans and 10 12-gauge 50 foot extension cords. The supplies were delivered to Lion Wayne, who is the District 29I Disaster Relief Chair. Pictured (bottom right photograph) is Lion Wayne and PCC Ken.



District 29-I Lions distributed \$4,300 worth of dehumidifiers and mold spray kits at the Disaster Relief Hub in Weston. Products were transferred from Buckhannon FC Liquidations to the Weston Disaster Relief Hub. Community members were lined up, and items were distributed per family. All products were fully distributed within one hour. Special acknowledgment of Lions Clubs representing Weston, Jane Lew, Shinnston, Clarksburg, Nutterfort, Johnstown volunteered their services.

RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

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CLUB OFFICERS

Please submit material for the club sections of most recent community service and your upcoming fundraisers. Submit pictures, flyers or text. Submit to: LIONS29Inewsletter@yahoo.com

Submit items as Word Documents, pictures as JPG or PNG formats. (PDF is difficult to adjust and does not import into the newsletter) Caption pictures with descriptions and Lions pictured.

Yours in Service, Lion Jim Mullen

Jane Lew Lions Club 2026 Fall Pit Beef Dinner was a tremendous success, drawing an estimated 300 people to the Jane Lew Fire Department. Every seat was filled during the lunch rush, and many guests praised the food. We sincerely thank the Jane Lew Fire Department for generously providing its facility. Our usual venue is currently being used by the Lewis County Senior Citizens after their building was damaged in the flood. Plans are already underway for another Pit Beef Dinner this spring.



Pictured is Club President Linda Amen serving desserts and Debbie Walker baking the rolls. The club members serving the meal, from left to right, are Lions Dave Gosa, Pat Casey, Frank Bragg, Dave Cottrill, Mike Walker, and Tim Skinner.

Submitted by Lion Dwayne Brown

Nutter Fort Lions Club would like to thank the residents of Harrison County for their consideration not to litter on Rt98. Usually we have 13+ bags of trash that we pick up, today we only had 5 bags of trash. Please, KEEP IT UP!! ROARRRRR LIONS



Submitted by Lion Ken Shahan

Martinsburg Lions Club was joined by several Lions from multiple clubs in Zone 1 of District 29I



who volunteered at the Mountain State Council of the Blind Convention in Martinsburg WV. Lions worked the registration desk, escorted convention participants, sold 50/50 and silent auction tickets, helped serve meals, distributed T-shirts, and served



as runners. Lions also served at a vendor table to explain

Lionism. Lion Jim Mullen completed the service from the Lions by providing transportation to Dulles Airport for a blind convention speaker. Conference participants are pictured above. Lions are (L to R) Jim Mullen, John Fleagle, Cheryl Roberts, Barbara Burger, Dave Plume and Pat Jones. The guys are Martinsburg Lions and the gals are **Shepherdstown Centennial Lions**.

Submitted by President Lion Dave Plume

Bridgeport Lions Club has welcomed Tim McNeely as its newest Lions member. Tim was inducted into membership by FVDG Diana Bedell



and received his membership pin and certificate from Lion Estelle Rice, the club's membership chair. The club looks forward to having Lion Tim as a member.

Welcome! 🐾

Submitted by FVDG Lion Diana Bedell

Bridgeport Lions Club sends many thanks to all that supported the Bridgeport Lions Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Thursday. A great crowd and many donated canned food items for today's Shepherd's Corner food drive we also received



Thanks also to the BHS Key Club members who helped to serve our sit down guests.

Pictured = Bridgeport Lions evening shift

Submitted by FVDG Lion Diana Bedell

Tygart Valley Lions Club recently held its **second annual golf tournament at Stonewall Resort**, welcoming **20 teams** for a great day of fellowship, friendly competition, and service to our community. Thanks to the tremendous support of our teams, sponsors, volunteers, and community partners, this year's tournament raised approximately **\$25,000**.

When our club started this tournament two years ago, we wanted it to be more than just an annual fundraiser.



Each year, the proceeds are earmarked for **one major project that will make a lasting difference in our local community**.

This year, the Tygart Valley Lions Club has chosen to dedicate the tournament proceeds toward **infrastructure improvements at the Mill Creek Community Park and softball field**. The park is an important gathering place for local families, youth sports, and community activities, and we are excited to invest in improvements that will benefit the community for years to come.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who participated, sponsored a team or hole, donated, volunteered, or helped make our second annual tournament such a success. **Twenty teams. Approximately \$25,000 raised. One major investment back into our community.**

That is Lions service in action — **We Serve.**

Submitted by Treasurer Lion Jonathan Kyle

Berkeley Spring Lions Club

awarded Club Treasurer Lion Lyn Goodwin as Lion of the Year by PDG and Club President Kim Mason.

Submitted by DG Lion Gray Jones



Nutter Fort Lions Club updated their eyeglass collection box by having it painted & adding new Lions graphics. Thank you to our fellow Lions, Donley Shultz, Ron Vannoy, and Ken and Paula Shahan for working on this project. A big thank you to Reeps Graphics for their design and Sammie D's for the excellent paint job. The box is located at Town and Country Pharmacy in Stonewood.



Submitted by Secretary Lion Paula Shahan

UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

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Nexstep Commercial Products

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STARTING AT 10AM UNTIL SOLD OUT
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\$25 FOR 1/2 BUSHEL

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DRAWING OCTOBER 17, 2026

At the Nutter Fort Fall Festival,
Pennsylvania Ave., Nutter Fort

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN



Hodgesville Lions Club

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

OCTOBER 31
7AM - 1PM

\$11.00

Warren District Community Building
70 Hackers Creek Road
Buckhannon

Menu Includes:

- Pancakes
- Sausage
- Buckwheat Cakes
- Biscuits & Gravy

Coffee and Tang

