



DISTRICT 29-L (WV/USA) JANUARY 2025 Newsletter

Dave Roberts
District Governor



Greetings Fellow Lions!

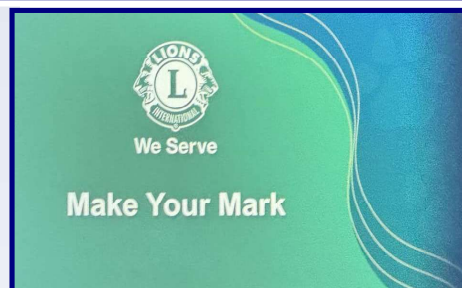
Happy New Year to you and your families!!! This Lion year has been exciting and is moving along quickly. As Lion Lori and I visit with clubs around the district, we see the amazing things that are happening all over District 29L.

Fellow Lions are busy with fundraisers to support Lions work and clubs are providing service to their communities in many ways. International President Fabricio Oliveria has ask us to "Make Your Mark". Lions everywhere have a great opportunity to do this through service and supporting Lions initiatives. Through LCIF individuals and clubs can contribute to our foundation to support this effort to change the world for the better.

My theme for this year, "Together we can make a difference **For That One**", is appropriate for the work we do. Be assured Lions do make a difference when **WE SERVE**.

Lion Lori and her committee are working hard planning an outstanding District 29L Conference, and I am sure it will be enjoyable and worthwhile of your time. This year's Conference will be held on March 14th and 15th at The Historic Blennerhassett Hotel. Our hope is each and every club will be represented. I know you will go away with new friends and inspired with new ideas and enthusiasm. I hope you have marked this event on your calendar of upcoming events and are planning to attend. Make your reservation today!

When making your plans for the District Conference, please consider club donations to the "Parade of Checks". A sample form is provided in this newsletter listing the areas supported by our organization.



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MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVE (Continued))

My hat is off to our new members, and I appreciate each and every Lion who has reached out to spread Lionism and help their local clubs grow. More members mean more fun, fellowship and service.

If your club has not scheduled your District Governor visit, please call or text me at 304-482-2410 and I will put it on the schedule.

Roar Lions!!!

DG Dave

29-L District Conference March 14-15, 2025

PARADE OF CHECKS

When planning for the District Conference, consider Club donations to the various Lions Charities that District 29L supports for 2024-2025:

LCIF (MJF – yes/no)	\$ _____
WVLSCF (LJF – yes/no)	\$ _____
Camp Kno-Koma	\$ _____
Deaf & Blind Rec	\$ _____
Diabetes Awareness/LEHP	\$ _____
Romney Work Program	\$ _____
Leader Dog	\$ _____
Pilot Dog	\$ _____
Leo Program	\$ _____
Youth Exchange	\$ _____
WVU Children's Hospital	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____



WELCOME TO THE ROARING 20'S

DISTRICT 29L CONFERENCE

P.O. Box 1372
Parkersburg, WV 26102

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

District 29 L Conference will be held at the Historic Blennerhassett Hotel
March 14 and 15, 2025

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

Cost: Boat Ride aboard the Major Riviera (Dinner and Entertainment) \$45.00

Conference registration: ___ \$85.00 Full Day (Lunch and Dinner Saturday)
___ \$45.00 Lunch (Saturday)
___ \$55.00 Dinner (Saturday)

A block of rooms has been reserved for conference attendees to stay one or both nights at the Blennerhassett Hotel and Spa. A special rate of \$125.00 for a double and \$135.00 for a king is available by calling 304-422-3131, just tell them that you are reserving a room for the Lions District 29 L Conference. This rate is available through February 14, 2025.

There is opportunity for special activities for children during the conference and a special dinner rate of \$20.00 is available for a limited childrens offering.

Please make checks to District 29 L Lions Conference.

If you have questions please call Lion Dave at 304-482-2410 or Lion Lori at 304-481-4159.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Full Name _____
District and Club _____ Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female
Home Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____
Phone Number _____ Email _____
Emergency Contact Name _____ Emergency Phone _____
Relationship _____ Alternate Phone _____

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Do you have any medical issues or dietary restrictions we should know about? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please explain _____

Number of Children attending and any dietary restrictions we should know about? _____

Signature _____

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to low registration,
The Planning Committee of the
West Virginia Lions Leadership Retreat
Has cancelled the event
Scheduled for January 24-26, 2025.

LION TONY VANDENBERG, 2nd Vice District Governor

Here we are, now in the second half of this Lions Year. We have many opportunities to serve our communities. The term community can have various scopes, depending on our point of view, at any given moment. Most Clubs appropriately think of their geographically local community. As well, I am thinking how the District 29 L **Parade of Checks** is a reminder of several other types of communities Lions Serve – related to youth, eyesight care, disaster relief and program grants, diabetes – locally like Leo Clubs; WV Statewide like the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation; and worldwide like LCIF.



Each of us also has a *virtual community* of Lions whom we have had the privilege to meet, get to know, and share experiences with. A good friend of mine, who shared over 40 years of Lion service and fellowship with me, recently passed on. This prompted my looking through photographs of years ago, and bringing to mind many people I know primarily, or only through this opportunity of Lionism. It is a comfort to recognize how we humans can choose to cooperate, befriend each other, and serve our communities.

REMINDER:

The “**That One**” t-shirt form, and the Parade of Checks form for the March 2025 District 29-L Conference are included with this newsletter. Please consider your personal and/or club donations to these worthwhile services.

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



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

LCIF provides grants to the eight Global Causes, shown at the right.

LCIF has on line resources at the Grants Toolkit <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/lcif-grants-toolkit>

A useful overview is at this link:
[LCIF653 General Brochure](#)

Included there is a link to
[A Guide to LCIF Grant Opportunities](#)
This describes grants types,
grant maximums, any matching
requirements, etc.

Many of our Clubs donate to LCIF one or more times a year. We are encouraging individual Lions to donate. See the Fun(d)raiser form in this newsletter. These t-shirts, we hope, will build pride in District 29 L, and in being connected to LCI.

Anyone who has already made a donation above \$35 can receive a t-shirt if you wish – let me know if I haven't already offered you a shirt.

You can also donate on line at
<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>

**SVDG Tony Vandenberg,
LCIF District 29-L Coordinator**



**Childhood
Cancer**

LCIF provides funding support to Lions to improve the outcomes for children with cancer.



Hunger

The LCIF Hunger Pilot grant helps Lions support school-based feeding programs, food banks, and feeding centers.



Vision

LCIF supports Lions' sight-saving efforts through programs like SightFirst, which builds comprehensive eye care systems in underserved communities.



Diabetes

LCIF has long supported Lions in their efforts to fight diabetes by expanding diabetes prevention, education, and screenings.



Youth

LCIF serves youth through our signature program Lions Quest, which provides access to quality education, vital health services, and social and emotional learning (SEL).



**Disaster
Relief**

LCIF is engaged in disaster relief efforts and provides support for natural disasters whenever they strike.



**Humanitarian
Efforts**

LCIF provides support for programs addressing needs of at-risk, vulnerable populations.



Environment


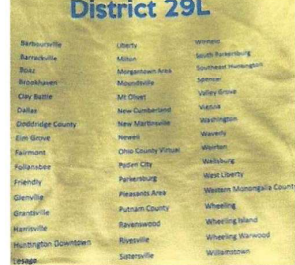

LCIF supports Lions in their endeavors to create positive environmental change.



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

DISTRICT 29L "That One" 2024-2025 LCIF FUN(D)RAISER

This year we hope to encourage more donations to LCIF by individual Lions of District 29 L
– and add a little fun and District Spirit at the same time!

<p>With a donation of \$35 minimum Lions can receive a 29L Lions T-Shirt.</p> <p>With a donation of \$50 or more, you will also receive a Presidential Supporter Recognition pin: \$50 to \$99.99 Bronze; \$100 to \$199 Silver; \$200 or more Gold.</p>			
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All donated dollars, from this Fun(d)raiser will go to LCIF.

T-shirt costs are being covered by LCIF and 29 L administrative fundraising.

Remember: all donations to LCIF go directly to LCIF grants, programs, or disaster relief.

Shirts can be mailed for quicker delivery for an extra (administrative cost) \$5.

Otherwise, Shirts will be delivered by District Governor Dave Roberts or his minions.

Donation from Lion _____ Date: _____

Lions Club _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Donation: \$ _____ Method: ☐ Check ☐ Cash ☐ Direct to LCIF

Mailing @ \$5 if desired: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____ Make check payable to Lions District 29L

<p><u>Shirt Size</u></p> <p>Medium _____</p> <p>Large _____</p> <p>XL _____</p> <p>XXL _____</p> <p>XXXL _____</p>	<p>If by mail, send form and check to:</p> <p>Lion Tony Vandenberg 801 Dewey Avenue St. Marys, WV 26170</p>	<p>District Use</p> <p>Received _____</p> <p>Donation ID # _____</p> <p>LCIF posted: _____</p> <p>Shirt given: _____</p> <p>Presidential Pin given: _____</p>
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Ramona Sago 304-662-6265 or rsago1959@gmail.com

Follow each month for a new tip

When looking for:

Club Actions/ Membership Cards

Follow these steps

Sign into the Lion Portal

Click on "My Club"

Click on "Club Action"

Right side of screen click on "Get Membership Cards"

Click on little box beside each name that you want to print

Click "Next"

Select the desired page formatting

Choose date for "Good Standing Until"

Click "Next"

A new window now opens for displaying the page and formatting

Click the "Download" icon to begin the download process



DALLAS : Monica Salvo

**FRIENDLY : Debby Buffington, Thomas Buffington,
Maileh Emrick,, Brian Flinn, Starra Stilgenbauer**

GRANTSVILLE : Deana Staley

MOUNDSVILLE: Roseanna Keller



St. Marys High School Leo Club



SMHS Leos working with other student groups visited both Pleasants County elementary schools and the Heritage of St. Marys assisted living home and presented Christmas gifts to each student and resident. Each student at SMHS also received a gift. Leos helped assemble Christmas hygiene baskets for 13 families.

This semester, the Leos have participated in: Cancer Care Bags for Strecker Cancer Center and Camden Clark Hospital patients; Hygiene Drive for the school-based clothing closet; fund drive for local humane societies, cat and dog shelters; canned food drive for a local food pantry; unloading food pantry trucks; fun runs/walks through the town of Belmont.

MIDTOWN LEO CLUB

The Fairmont Lions Club held its annual Christmas Party for Children from low-income families at Fairmont's Union Rescue Mission on Saturday, December 14, 2024.

Members of the Midtown Leo Club helped by preparing giving trees which they placed at local businesses to encourage gifts to be donated from the community. The Leos also helped wrap the gifts, as did volunteers from Pierpont Community and Technical College, including its president, Milan Hayward.



FOLLANSBEE LIONS CLUB

The Follansbee Lions and the New England Role-playing Organization (NERO) joined up to collect for the Tri-State Marine Corps Club (TSMCC) "Toys 4 Tykes" program. Two boxes of toys and a monetary donation of \$300 were delivered on Thursday, December 16, 2024. Pictured are Bruce Hornick and Lion Bill Snyder, both members of the TSMCC.



The Follansbee Lions met on December 7, 2024 at the Follansbee Community House for their annual Christmas party. There was a small gift exchange after the meal prepared by Chef Jim DiMundo. A good time was had by all.



PLEASE JOIN US

**Follansbee Lions Club
85th Anniversary
Thursday February 6, 2025 6:00 PM**

**Scafidi's Restaurant & Tavern
350 South Hollywood Blvd
Steubenville, Ohio 43952**

MENU

**Gnocchi (choice of Alfredo or Marinara Sauce)
Sausage With Peppers and Onions
Lasagna
Meatballs
Vegetable Medley
Coffee, Tea, Lemonade, or Pop
Rolls
Anniversary Cake**

**Cost: \$25 per person
Celebration Attire**

**RSVP by Jan. 23, 2025 to
PDG Terry Snyder
304-479-8067
lionterry55@gmail.com**



NEW CUMBERLAND LIONS CLUB

New Cumberland Christmas Parade - the New Cumberland Lions served hot chocolate after the parade along with the Christian Church serving cookies, the Methodist Church offering hats and gloves, and the Festival Committee serving popcorn and nachos! Beautiful weather for a parade. PHOTO from left: President Sally Greathouse, Billy Greathouse, Treasurer Alan Lee, Bob McNeil, Jen Meeker



It's beginning to look like Christmas at the Swaney Memorial Library in New Cumberland, WV. The New Cumberland Lions Club put their annual library Christmas tree up in the Swaney Library on November 30. This year's NC Lions Club theme is "Historic New Cumberland, The Community We Serve." Lion Cindy Skerbetz chaired the project and put together ideas featuring an old fashion Christmas tree with 38 homemade ornaments made with photos of New Cumberland dating from 1895-2022. (PHOTO: (from left) New Cumberland Lions Peggy Lee, Jim Gillespie and Cindy Skerbetz worked on the committee with volunteer Charlie Heid helping out.)



PLEASANTS COUNTY LIONS CLUB

During the District Governor Night / Christmas Dinner at the Pleasants County Lions Club, DG Dave presented Lion Tony Vandenberg a check for LCIF. Lion Tony is the District LCIF Coordinator and 2nd Vice District Governor. Also pictured with DG Dave and Lion Tony, is Pleasants County Lions President, Clare Sulgit.



DALLAS LIONS CLUB

Dallas Lions participated in the Salvation Army kettle drive at Cabela's. Pictured are Lions Kelly and Lynn Moore.



SISTERSVILLE LIONS CLUB

The Sistersville Lions helped ring in the holidays for the Salvation Army at Reisbeck's Food Saver in New Martinsville.

Pictured are Lions Debbie Durig, Greg Goodfellow and President Mary Ellen Benincasa. Not shown PDG Linda Leasure.



MT OLIVET LIONS CLUB

The Mt Olivet Lions Club's Christmas project this year was putting together bags for over fifty residents at the Cameron Healthcare Center. Our group collected items such as no-slip socks, candy, stuffed animals, snacks, candy, hand sanitizer, tissues, handmade dolls made from washcloths, jewelry, lotion, and Christmas decorations. In addition the Moundsville Honor Guard donated American Flag blankets for the Veterans who reside there. We got donations from many folks in the valley including some of the staff at Uncle Pete's, the WVDOH, and other caring people.



WARWOOD LIONS CLUB

On December 3, the Warwood Lions held "Light Up Night" at Garden Park in Warwood. Santa and Mrs. Claus heard wishes from all the little children. After the choruses from Warwood Elementary/Middle Schools and Corpus Christi School sang Christmas carols, the Lions Club served hot chocolate and cookies to everyone in attendance.

It was a beautiful and exciting evening.



Warwood Lions decorated Garden Park with many light displays and a Christmas Tree.



The Warwood Lions spent December ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

WE SERVE!

FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB

The Fairmont Lions Club held its annual Christmas Party for Children from low-income families at Fairmont's Union Rescue Mission on Saturday, December 14, 2024. Twenty-seven volunteers, both Lions and non-Lions participated in purchasing and/or donating books, toys and other items which were wrapped and then placed in bags for each of 154 children of 58 parents. Each child received multiple gifts. The Union Rescue Mission provided some snacks for all attending.

Grace Lutheran Church in Fairmont decided to collect gifts from their congregation in memory of Leroy Humberston who had been a member of the Fairmont Lions Club, and before that the White Hall Lions Club. They said, "We loved him. He was a great man."

Planning for the party began in September. Lion members volunteered a total of 291 hours and non-Lions volunteered 172 hours -- a total of 463 volunteer hours.

