



291 PRIDE NEWS

Keeping District 291 Lions Clubs Informed
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LIONS EIGHT PILLARS OF SERVICE



This is a series of articles to help Lions learn more about the LCI [Global Causes](#). The articles contain hyperlinks to information to help gain ideas and learn more about LCI initiatives you can bring to your community. Lions International Global Causes are the specific service causes supported by Lions International. Global causes have fully developed programs, service resources, funding opportunities and organizational support. Global causes help



CHILDHOOD CANCER

Globally, childhood cancer looks like this:

- 400,000 children diagnosed annually
- 9 in 10 diagnosed children live in low to middle income countries (LMICs)
- <30% of children with cancer in LMICs survive, compared to ≥80% in high-income countries

Service areas

Get your club involved in one of these childhood cancer service areas and see how your service will help achieve the [U.N. Sustainable Development Goals](#).

PATIENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT

Ensure patients and their families are adequately supported, and address the most common barriers to obtaining necessary treatment.

ORGANIZATION OR FACILITY SUPPORT

Identify needs and opportunities to serve childhood cancer organizations or facilities to make a difference by expanding accessibility to treatment and services.

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS, EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

Raise awareness of the impact of childhood cancer, educate your community members and create positive change.

LCIF grants

Several types of foundation grants are available to support childhood cancer service throughout the world.

CHILDHOOD CANCER GRANT

LCIF Childhood Cancer grants empower Lions to improve the quality of life for children receiving treatment and their families.

MATCHING GRANT

LCIF Matching grants provide equipment and construction for large-scale projects that address unmet humanitarian needs.

DISTRICT & CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT (DCG) GRANT

Through the DCG program, 15 percent of unrestricted contributions to LCIF are transformed into grants that fund local projects on a club and/or district level.

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29I & MULTIPLE DISTRICT CALENDAR

The Complete 29I District Calendar for 2025 – 2026 is available on the website [29I LIONS](#)

Multiple District 29 Link = <https://wvlions.org/>

- **March 21st** – District 29I Cabinet Meeting, Nutter Fort, WV (see details below)
- **May 15th through 17th** – **MD29 Lions State Convention**, Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, WV.
More information will be sent to everyone soon.
- **July 3rd to 7th** – 108th International Lions Convention, Hong Kong

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

District Governor’s Message

By DG Lion Greg Greenwalt

Good Day Fellow Lions.

Hopefully everyone is well and happy winter is about finish. With spring upon us it gives us the opportunity to get outside and enjoy the warmer weather. It's also time for us and our Clubs to think about Spring and Summer service projects. Many people look forward to the Lions to make things a little better for our communities, and while we are doing this it puts smiles on our faces as well.

I will be short this newsletter. I just want to promote the West Virginia 2026 MD 29 Convention to be held on May 15th-17th, 2026 at the beautiful Canaan Valley Resort. This is the 104th WV State

Lions Convention. If you have never attended a Convention you have missed a great event. Give it a try this year and enjoy the fellowship and learning offered by our wonderful speakers, the great meals, and activities. If you enjoy golf, Canaan has a great golf course, and plenty of walking trails. The Davis and Thomas area is a great place to explore, do a little shopping or have a meal. Tell your fellow Lions Members and come join us. Please find a copy of the Convention Registration and other information in this news letter.

Looking forward to seeing you and remember what Lions do? WE SERVE!!!

Thank You,
Greg Greenwalt,
District Governor 29-I

2nd Vice District Governor's Message

By SVDG Lion Diana Bedell



March Membership Madness Go Lions!

Every Lions club in Constitutional Area 1 has been invited to participate in the March Membership Madness challenge. Each club is encouraged to welcome one new member by March 31. This is something that each of our clubs in District 29-I can aspire to this month. Invite a neighbor, a co-worker or a friend to assist in a service/volunteer project this month and let that person(s) see and feel the good we do in our varied communities.



Do you invite friends and co-workers to help when you serve those with food insecurities? Do you invite those friends and co-workers to help pack and collect food for a school backpack program? Have you invited someone to help clean up an area park or build a ramp for an elderly neighbor? JUST ASK!

I know each of us can invite others to join in when going on an outing...make helping with a Lions function an outing, a fun activity. We are all good at sharing and laughing together. Use that enthusiasm to help GROW your club.

I see the club health assessment each month and I see our clubs' membership fluctuating up and down and some that have seen some severe downward turns. But I also see the numbers of clubs reporting service activities. I know clubs in District 29-I are volunteering and serving their cities and towns. Year to date, our District has added 69 members, lost or dropped 104 members, yielding 35 fewer members from where we were a year ago. Can 36 of our 53 clubs add a new member this month or by June 30? I know we can because we are Lions and we work hard...we can do this. Remember the March Madness Membership challenge!

In addition to growing your membership and retaining your current membership, please remember that it is time to elect officers for the year 2026-2027. Please endeavor to have the new officers, board members, membership chairs and club administrators input into the Lions Portal by May 15. Don't forget to groom new members for future leadership roles – this is extremely important as we move forward.

Keep smiling, keep laughing and remember to be KIND! Spread that KINDNESS throughout your daily life. ROAR LIONS!

29I -- MULTIPLE DISTRICT -- LCI

“WE SERVE”

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**Program and Agenda
For MD 29 Convention
May 15-17, 2026**

Friday, May 15, 2026:

- 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Registration is open, certification of delegates, and silent auction drop-off
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Council of Governors Meeting
12:00 – 1:30 p.m. WV PDGA Luncheon Meeting
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. WVLSCF Meeting and Training

Afternoon is free for all others who do not want to attend the WVLSCF meeting for outdoor recreational activities, sightseeing, shopping in Davis/Thomas, service project participation, etc.

- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Friday evening banquet (this evening will be dedicated to recognition of PDGs)

Saturday, May 16, 2026:

- 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Breakfast on your own
Registration is open, district secretaries will make themselves available for certification of delegates and silent auction will be open until 6:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. – 11:30p.m. General Business Session of the Convention
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Luncheon
2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Learning Seminar
3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Learning Seminar
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Teresa Johnson Strides Walk and fun activities
6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Reception for ID Debbie Dawson and Lion Don
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Banquet

Sunday, May 17, 2026:

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. District Breakfasts and Conventions
9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Necrology Ceremony
10:30 a.m. – 11: 00 a.m. Reconvening of MD Convention for announcement of election results, expressions of gratitude, recognitions, and final announcements and adjournment.
11:15 a.m. COG Meeting
11:45 a.m. WVLSCF Meeting

2026 Multiple District 29 Lions Convention Registration
May 15-17, 2026
Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, West Virginia

Name/Names: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

District Number: _____ Club Name: _____

Registration Fee: \$110.00per person

Make check payable to: MD 29 LCI – Please write: “2026 State Convention” on the memo line.

Please send this form and check by May 1, 2026, to: Lori Roberts
P.O. Box 1372
Parkersburg, WV 26102

For lodging, please call 304-866-4121 and tell them you are attending the 2026 Lions State Convention. All rooms in the Lodge are \$114.00 per night, plus applicable state and local taxes and fees. Cabins are also available for rent.

The cut-off date for booking a room in the Lions block and receiving this rate is April 15, 2026.

If you have any questions regarding the convention or using an alternative payment method, please contact convention chairperson Lori Roberts at 304-481-4159 or CC Dave Roberts at 304-482-2410.

Quarterly District 29-I Cabinet Meeting Announcement

Greeting WV Lions 29 I Cabinet.

This is a reminder of the WV Lions District 29 I Cabinet meeting on March 21, 2026. The meeting is being held at the First Baptist Church at 219 Maryland Avenue in Nutter Fort, WV. If you will not be attending and or you have made changes to your report that was sent to me for the February meeting, please email me your report by Wednesday, March 18, 2026. I look forward seeing you in Nutter Fort.

Yours in Service.

Daryl M. See, Secretary Treasure, District 29-I

Multiple District Convention Call

Pursuant to Article VI, Section 1 of the Multiple District 29 Constitution, the Council of Governors hereby issues the official call for the annual multiple district convention, which will convene at 6:00P.M. on the 15th day of May 2026, in the Balsam/Spruce Rooms at Canaan Valley Resort Lodge.

MD 29 Council of Governors

David Roberts, Council Chairperson

Kim Ebert, 29-L

Lisa Keffer, 29-C

Greg Greenwalt, 29-I

District Convention Calls

In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws, the District 29-L convention will be held on Sunday morning, May 17, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. at the Canaan Valley Resort Lodge, Davis, West Virginia. The purpose of the convention is to elect a district governor, first vice district governor, second vice district governor, trustee to the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, and other elected positions. If required, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. I hereby issue this call on this 14th day of March 2026.

Kim Ebert

District Governor, 29-L

In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws, the District 29-C convention will be held on Sunday morning, May 17, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. at the Canaan Valley Resort Lodge, Davis, West Virginia. The purpose of the convention is to elect a district governor, first vice district governor, second vice district governor, trustee to the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, and other elected positions. If required, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. I hereby issue this call on this 14th day of March 2026.

Lisa Keffer

District Governor, 29-C

In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws, the District 29-I convention will be held on Sunday morning, May 17, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. at the Canaan Valley Resort Lodge, Davis, West Virginia. The purpose of the convention is to elect a district governor, first vice district governor, second vice district governor, trustee to the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, and other elected positions. If required, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. I hereby issue this call on this 14th day of March 2026.

Greg Greenwalt

District Governor, 29-I

Marketing Your LIONS Club

By SVDG Lion Diana Bedell

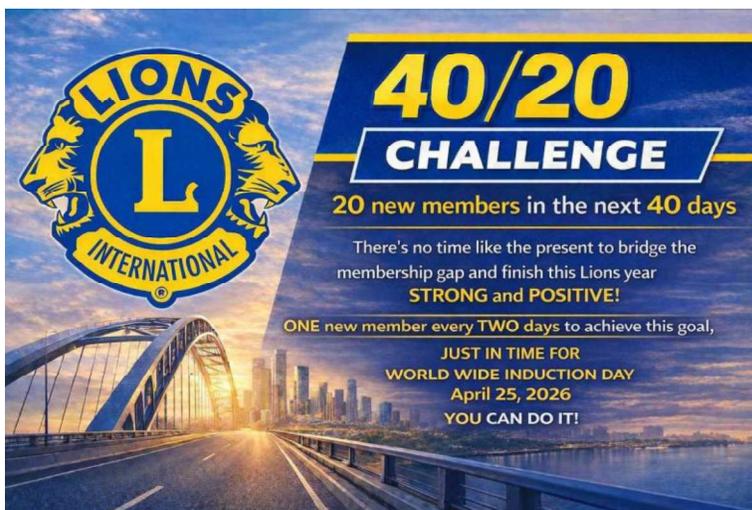
LET'S GROW OUR LIONS' CLUBS – MARKETING CAN BE THE KEY!

Many of you have heard me say of late that I have spent a lot of time attending virtual LCI workshops, including several on “Let’s Grow,” which is about inviting friends, neighbors, and community members to attend our service activities or other functions and joining our clubs.

This past week the content dealt with marketing and was inspiring in a lot of ways. If you know me, you know I have an undergraduate degree in public relations, and therefore enjoy writing, marketing, and various aspects of social media. So, this workshop hit home – finally, something with which I could identify.

First, if you have the capability, I urge you to go to YouTube and search Lions International or Lions USA and scroll for the “Let’s Grow” series – marketing is the third one in the series. It is an hour plus well spent.

Through marketing and social media, others will find out who you are. Visibility motivates Action and Building and Creates opportunities. Google your club’s name. Is it visible to the public at large? Google Bridgeport WV Lions tells me it has a Facebook account, that it is a community organization focusing on serving the local community and is known for its fundraising chicken roasts, pancake breakfasts and providing meals to the needy and raising funds for various local initiatives. Google Zone 8 Lions and you will find posts that encourage its clubs. If you have a Facebook account, link it to Instagram.



Words matter. People don’t Serve; they Volunteer. Be meaningful in the words you use, and again, Invite instead of Recruit. Marketing is all about Sharing. Share what you do and Invite others in the community to help, join, or partner.

When posting on Facebook or other social media platforms, post items with a purpose – we are not selling anything or bragging. If you have an upcoming service project, you should post three times – before is the Invite; during is Proof and afterwards is Impact. Before messages should include what, when, where and a link to a contact

person. During should show energy and welcome – include Action and Thanks and Come Join Us. Use an action shot or a “Go Live” moment. After, share the impact of your activity – Grow the team. Include the number of people served and the result. Tag members in the photos and share across social media platforms.

Use hashtags (pound signs) when posting. #Bridgeport Lions Club. #Volunteers (name of another organization that may have assisted). #Volunteers BridgeportWV. Post like you are talking to your neighbors. Consistency equals perfection.

LionsUSA has developed social media kits that are impressive. Join its Facebook and go to Albums (or media). There are three folders at present, New Club, Social Media Marketing and February marketing. Each album is plug and play so you can copy and then paste onto your own individual or club page. COPY, PASTE, POST. After posting to your page, do not forget to hashtag. #JaneLewLions #VolunteerJaneLew or #LeadToServe #ServeToLead.

Remember, invitations open the door. Stay consistent in your message and be appreciative of your audience.

I know this is a lot of information in a small space. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out and we will learn together.

which many of the participants are in lands that are far from peaceful.

Peace is something that is missing even in some of our own clubs in District 29-I. I hear of divided lines among members, across our nine zones and therefore across our district.

I have been attending a multi part workshop entitled “Let’s Grow,” and while some things do not affect us directly, others do. We keep hearing we need to “grow our membership in order to serve more people and communities.” True, we need to GROW our membership, but it is also important to RETAIN the members we have – both young and old. I encourage each of you, both personally and club wise to INVITE community members and friends to attend a Lions function or service project. Ask that person what interests they have and how they would like to serve their community. Introduce them to others in your club and hopefully you will be able to add them to your club’s membership in quick fashion.

It is true that more members lend themselves to more service projects. Do not discourage service or service projects. Not every project needs to be an “all hands-on deck” project. Perhaps one group wants to serve a meal to the homeless and another wants to build food shelters to be put in various locations and stocked by the community and your members. Maybe another core group wishes to visit a home for the elderly and play bingo a couple of times a month or go grocery shopping for someone in need. All good service projects that can be handled by any club with a desire for service. That is what Lions do, “we serve.”

Some clubs may be content with having a regular meeting with a speaker, while other clubs may choose to meet once a month and have a service project of some type on another meeting night. “Your Club, Your Way!” Do what works for your club and community. I find that members today are more likely to come out and participate in a project than to attend a meeting. Be flexible, serve your communities and do not turn your back on those wanting to cast the net and rally the troops in the name of service. Every member needs to feel included and should never be made to feel as if they are being pushed to the side by a newer club member. Members should be allowed to be mentored, or the newer Lion can shadow a veteran

Growth, Service & Lionism

By SVDG Lion Diana Bedell

I’ve spent the last 100 days watching the Walk for Peace, as a group of Buddhist monks and their dog, Alonka, walk 2,300 miles from Texas to Washington, DC, not for recognition but to promote one thing, PEACE. During this time, I have reflected on my own life’s journey as a person and as a Lion, and I think this one word sums up what we all want in life and for our world, PEACE.

During today’s difficult times, I think about the various Lion workshops I have attended virtually, and especially an international call in

member to “learn the ropes” and at times, I find myself still learning the ropes.

There are less than five months left in the current Lion year. GROW (INVITE), RETAIN and SERVE and above all communicate among yourselves. If you or individual clubs have questions or need guidance, please reach out to your district leadership team. Remember, PEACE.

*Yours in service,
SVDG Lion Diana Bedell*

Leader Dog

Good afternoon!

April's edition of Leading the Way is ready to be shared with your district newsletter editor or directly with the Lions of your district. You can find it in English, Spanish, and large print at [April 2026](#), and also the PDFs attached here.



This edition focuses on our guide dog program, with a celebration of International Guide Dog Day, common myths and misconceptions about guide dogs, an evaluation for someone who is blind to determine if they are ready for a guide dog, and an introduction to our spring matching campaign, beginning in April.

Our Lions team is thrilled to have been invited to so many district and multiple district conventions this spring. We'll be on the road often, so please send requests for speakers, materials, or other support as early as possible.

If you'll be at any of the following events, please stop by our info table to say hi.

April 16-19 = NY State Convention

May 8-9 = Alabama State Convention

14-16 = OH State Convention

June 12-14 = Lexington Bluegrass Fair

If I'm not going to be seeing you this convention season, I hope we can find an opportunity for me to visit your district soon, or do a virtual presentation.

Thank you for your advocacy for the Leader Dog mission near you!

Lion Claudia Gregory

Manager of Lion Engagement

Leader Dogs for the Blind

P: 248.339.2005 | LeaderDog.org

1039 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48307

Club Administration

By Lion Steve Glass, District Administrator

To all club officers, especially club secretaries & administrators: I can assist you with Portal issues such as entering new members or making changes to membership information and/or entering service activities. I will be glad to assist you. I can review individual club reports such as rosters, club contact information, club officers, etc. Please use me.

Club treasurers: You will not receive paper copies of per capita dues statements as of January 2026. You must access it online in the Portal. Nor will you be receiving a paper copy from Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Daryl See. He will be emailing the dues statements to each club treasurer, so please ensure that he has your correct email address or the email address of another club officer who can provide it to you if you do not use email. Daryl's phone number and email address are as follows:

304-851-0786 and mrsafetyjmu@gmail.com

KidSight

By Lion Daniel Berry, Chairperson

Watch this Powerful Video below about some Lions who really made a difference in a little girl's life.



[Click here for Video](#)

Start your screening program today

Contact Lion Daniel Berry at R-B Instruments

for more information:

800-533-7234 or daniel@r-binstruments.com

Mountain State Council of the Blind

By Jacque Proctor

The Mountain State Council of the Blind (MSCB) will hold its annual state convention in Martinsburg, WV, from October 02-03, 2026. Our theme is Mountain State Council of the Blind Monstrous Possibilities.

The MSCB is an IRS registered non-profit tax exempt consumer membership organization. MSCB offers informational support for blind and visually impaired people in West Virginia, their families, friends and anyone interested in issues of vision loss. Occasionally, we are able to provide low tech items to legally blind individuals. We annually award a scholarship to a visually impaired post-secondary student.

Blind and visually impaired people from across the state of West Virginia and beyond will gather for this weekend event. Various speakers will discuss topics of interest to those in attendance. In addition, we will hold our annual business meeting. Our banquet address will feature a representative from our national parent organization, the American Council of the Blind.

Last year's convention was held in Beckley, West Virginia, where we had 16 blind and visually impaired individuals go White Water Rafting at Adventures On The Gorge. This year's convention may not be as adventurous but we are hoping it will be fun and exciting for all.

Mountain State Council Of The Blind currently has two active fundraisers.

The Blind Girl Design fund raiser is sales of T-shirts, sweatshirts, bags, aprons, and blankets with Mountain State Council Of The Blind with a beautiful picture of the New River Gorge Bridge on it. Click here to explore; <https://blindgirldesigns.com/collections/west-virginia-mscb>

Tricia, owner of Blind Girl Design, is blind herself and she has grown her business of designing clothing that is not only beautiful but is tactile so that blind and visually impaired individuals can experience what the picture or writing is on the clothing.

The RaiseRight fundraiser is where you can shop online, buy gifts gift cards for your every day

purchases at RaiseRight.com/MSCB, The online purchases can help you support Mountain State Council of the Blind (MSCB). By joining the Mountain State Council of the Blind's RaiseRight program your purchase earns up to 20% back—and has the potential to earn \$1,000 or more every year for our organization.

All of these events deplete much of our modest budget. We are inviting you to become an official sponsor of the 2026 state convention. As a sponsor of this year's convention, you will help MSCB shape its vision of the future for all people who are blind; living with independence and dignity. You will also have an opportunity to promote your business or group by being listed in our convention program and on our website.

Sponsorship Levels:

Bigfoot sponsor: \$250 and above. Your business or organization will be mentioned on all promotional materials and throughout the event if received by August 10 Your logo and a working link to your website will appear on MSCB's website, <http://mscbwv.org/>, for six months.

Mothman sponsor: \$150. Your business or organization will be mentioned on all promotional materials and throughout the event if received by August 10. Your logo and a working link to your website will appear on MSCB's website, <http://mscbwv.org/>, for three months.

The Flatwoods Monster sponsor: \$100. Your business or organization will be mentioned on all promotional materials and throughout the event if received by August 10. In addition, you will have your logo and a working link to your website on MSCB's website, <http://mscbwv.org/>, for three months.

The Grafton Monster sponsor: \$50. Your business or organization will be mentioned throughout the event. Plus your logo will appear on MSCB's website, <http://mscbwv.org/>, for one month.

Bat Boy sponsor: \$25. Your business or organization will be mentioned throughout the event.

Your support of our organization and our mission is greatly appreciated. Learn more by contacting Jacque Proctor at proctor86@comcast.net. Or - Conrad Bennett, MSCB President; (304) 703-4145 Josh Metz, MSCB Treasurer; Phone: (304)319-0310

NEW MEMBERS

A Compilation From LCI Webste

The 29I District Cabinet Welcomes our NEW LIONS & is looking forward to shared camaraderie & service to the communities of West Virginia:

Abigail Hubbard – Mountain, July
 Amie Neighbors – Fort Ashby, July
 Ward Yaider – Fort Ashby, July
 Janet Newbrough – Jane Lew Lions, July
 Ken Frazier – Jane Lew Lions, July
 Mary Frazier – Jane Lew Lions, July
 Dave Gosa – Jane Lew Lions, July
 Darrell Kincaid – Jane Lew Lions, July
 Julia Currey – Shinnston, July
 Kevin Bailey – Lumberport, July
 Susie Lehmann – Bridgeport, August
 Carolyn Rodis – Shepherdstown Centennial, August
 Geraldine Pudder – Tennerton, August
 William Pudder, Jr – Tennerton, August
 Brooks Ables – West Milford, August
 Barbara Beckman – Philippi, August
 William Tribett – Kingwood, August
 Jessica Lipscomb – Kingwood, August
 Samuel Gerkin – Grafton, September
 Cherie Queen – West Milford, September
 Deborah O’Callaghan – Fort Ashby, September
 Daniel O’Callaghan – Fort Ashby, September
 Anita Bennett – Romney, September
 Jacob Metheny – Moorefield, September
 Mark Ray – Moorefield, September
 Ray Frum – Lumberport, September
 Tony Campbell – Fort Ashby, October
 Mike Neighbors – Fort Ashby, October
 Dianna See – Moorefield, October
 Michael Cochran – Kingwood, October
 Georgia Meyers – Valley District, October
 Diana Patterson – Shepherdstown Centennial, October
 Matthew Patterson – Shepherdstown Centennial, October
 Brenda Leonard – Harrison County Hope Centennial, October
 Robert Leonard – Harrison County Hope Centennial, October
 Sidney Felouzis – Tunnelton, October

Larry Miller – Kingwood, October
 Kathleen Ratliff – Moorefield, October
 Beth Grudi – Phillipi, October
 Keeah Ware – Junior, October
 Misty Huston – Clarksburg Adamston, November
 Judy Smith – Jane Lew, November
 David Smith – Jane Lew, November
 Brock Rosier – Junior, October
 Timothy McNeely – Bridgeport, December
 Mikal-Ellen Bennett – East Lewis, December
 Paula Hinzman – East Lewis, December
 Lucyann West – East Lewis, December
 Kristopher Hennig, Tygart Valley, January
 James Liggett, Tygart Valley, February
 Isaac Ramos, Tygart Valley, February
 Kelly Hofe – Berkeley Springs, February
 Dr. Leslie Hiles – Berkeley Springs, February
 Jason Hiles – Berkeley Springs, February
 Robert Sawyer – Berkeley Springs, February
 Andrew Carrico – Shinnston, February
 Greg Shinbur-Copley – Hedgesville, March

In Memorium to Our Cherished LIONS

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Joel Beane	Kingwood	August
James Garrett Lobb	Kingwood	August
Earl Snyder	Kingwood	August
Robert Hemerick	Rowlseburg	August
Bennie Shifflett	Ireland	August
Nola Edmond	Elkins	August
B. Doug Haller	Phillipi	September
Darlene Miller	Berkeley Springs	September
Tom Freeland	Martinsburg	October
Gary Baker	Wilsonburg	October
Lori Rosamond	Berkeley Springs	October
Eunice Freeland	Martinsburg	November
Evan Bice	Clarksburg	December
Arthur Sewell	Hedgesville	January
Vickie Walton	Tennerton	February



Training available for all Lions through
**USA-Canada Leadership
 Forum at
 Lions University**

<https://www.lionsuniversity.org/>

WHY AM I A LION?

Testimonials Compiled From 29I Club Members

CLUB MEMBERS

Got a story about how/why you became a LION?
All 29I members are welcome to share their story.
Submit to: LIONS29Inewsletter@yahoo.com.

Yours in Service, Lion Jim Mullen

PDG Lion Sue Long published A Journey Of Service during her tenure as District Governor in the Lions Year 2021 – 2022. This section of our Newsletter will continue to give life to those stories. The individual Lions Names are not included. Each story is titled for the club.

The **Tennerton Lions Club** was established in 1967. Members related those moments when serving as a LION had special rewards or incidents that drove them to service. Here are some of those stories.

“My greatest Lions moments have been viewing the positive outcome of our clubs activities. Success of college scholarships, help with glasses for the needy, providing support to local food banks, Lions help other and each other. Also, the help by Lions both nationally and internationally. The feeling of helping and giving to others.”

“We started a Leo club at the BUHS four years ago. This summer we will have 4 senior girls, 3 of which started as freshman graduate. They will be receiving Leo cords this May at the senior graduation. Ceremony. I also serve as scholarship chair. Hopefully one of them or more will receive a \$600 scholastic scholarship as well as cords. It is my greatest hope. It has been an awarding four years working with our youth. The teacher in charge was a former student of mine. I am trying to acquire him as a member to the Tennerton Lions. The kids have helped with Lions events such as pancake breakfasts, Easter Egg hunt with filling and hiding them at the Park, work festival Friday events in the summer for our town. At the high school, they have cleaned up after school events, clean up the school grounds, make cards and gift bags for a local private care nursing home, and make an impact at their high school. Several of the Lions have helped in this endeavor.”

“Buying glasses and helping with eye surgeries.”

“I enjoyed painting the playground, pringle tree painting and road cleanup.”

The **Moorefield Lions Club** was established in 1938. Members related those moments when serving as a LION had special rewards or incidents that drove them to service. Here are some of those stories.

“I am not part of the Lions Club but I have been to a few meetings. I am amazed by the hard work and generosity of these numbers. All Volunteer!! The world needs more people willing to give of themselves and their time. God Bless!!!”

“When Hurricane Katrina hit in New Orleans, a group of Lions said, ‘what can we do to help.’ We started a Disaster Relief Program. The whole club was eventually involved in the Town Park with all kinds of activities, food vendors, bucket brigade, and T-Shirts, etc. We raised \$4500 that was sent to a Lion Club near New Orleans to help. The Moorefield Club remembers how clubs sent money to us in the 1985 flood. The club still administers a local Disaster Relief Service in the community to families in need.”

The **West Milford Lions Club** was established in 1946. Members related those moments when serving as a LION had special rewards or incidents that drove them to service. Here are some of those stories.

“I had been a member for several years and really enjoyed being a service to our community especially feeding the hunger. One day I awoke to my own house burning. It was a total loss, only thing saved was me and my husband. The Lions stepped up to help us to fund and rebuild.”

“Giving shoes to needy children in West Milford and making these children happy.”

“Helping provide hearing aids to a man who could not hear.”

“Scholarships for local High School Students.”

“I have witnessed the Lions in our community provide food baskets at Christmas. I have contributed food and money for years but until I became a member and got to see the entire operation, taking applications for food baskets, picking up the food, preparing the boxes for pick-up or delivery did I actually see the impact(aha) that the act of serving actually has.”

RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

A Compilation From 291 Clubs

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: LIONS291newsletter@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



Bridgeport Lions Club members Lions Jay Larry and Doug Miley display donations & contributions for Humane Society by Bridgeport.

Submitted by SVDG Lion Diana Bedell

Bridgeport Lions Club members served dinner at the Clarksburg Mission. Pictured are Lions Cindy Glass, Susie Lehmann, Jordan and Brett Williams, Kelly Maher, Diana Bedell, Steve Glass & Jim Maher.



Submitted by SVDG Lion Diana Bedell

Bridgeport Lions Club provide an afternoon of bowling with four visually impaired young adults. Left photo: Lions Steve Heaster, Diana Bedell, Trina Britcher and Jay Larry had a great afternoon



with Zeke Lane, Tyler Willis, Cierra McNemar and Jacob Coffin.

Right photo: Lion Trina Britcher helping Zeke Lane line up on the bowling ramp.

Submitted by SVDG Lion Diana Bedell

Jane Lew Lions Club Proclamation to Lady Lions: Whereas the Lady Lions of the Jane Lew Lions Club have selflessly dedicated themselves to the betterment of our community, and Whereas their tireless service, compassion, and leadership have touched the lives of many, enriching our town with acts of kindness, outreach, and service, Whereas their partnership with neighbors, families, and organizations reflects the highest ideals of community stewardship, Now, therefore, I, Linda Aman, President, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby commend and honor the Lady Lions of the Jane Lew Lions Club for their outstanding contributions, unwavering generosity, and enduring commitment to improving the quality of life in our community for International Women's Day. Presented this 8th day of March in 2026 recognition of their exemplary service and lasting impact.

President Linda Aman, Jane Lew Lions Club

Elizabeth Vincent	Debby Walker
Beth White	Sheila Folio
Suzie Gatian	Tonya Price
Ruth Straley	Marissa Aman
Robin Skinner	Ambur Scott
Anessa Griffith	Lesa Cvechko
Judy Smith	Michelle Allen
Tiffany Decker	Tiffany Elliot
Mary Frazier	Janice Woolfer
Janet Newbrough	Linda Aman
Christy Gatian	

ROAR LADIES

Submitted by President Lion Linda Aman

Jane Lew Lions Club brightened Crestview Nursing Home in Jane Lew On Valentine’s Day, February 14th bringing smiles, and a friendly roar! The event was completed with a special visit from Lewie the Lion. He greeted residents and staff and handed out sweet treats — spreading love one purr and a treat at a time. ♥



Special thanks to our Lions in attendance: Debby Walker, Mike Walker, Linda Aman, Dwayne Brown, and Robin Skinner.

Submitted by President Lion Linda Aman

Jane Lew Lions Club Pit Beef Dinner receives another year of wood donations from AFP Logs and Lumber Company of Buckhannon. The company



continues its support for the Jane Lew Lions Club Pit Beef Dinner, pledging

another year of wood donations to fuel the pit fire and keep this community fundraiser thriving. AFP has long been a steadfast partner of the Lions Club, reinforcing a shared commitment to the people of Lewis County. The Jane Lew Lions Club Pit Beef Dinner is held twice annually. Key community initiatives supported by the Pit Beef Dinner proceeds include:

- Eye exams and glasses for local children and adults
- Support for local schools and educational activities
- Monetary support for Holiday Dinners provided by Our Neighbor
- Jane Lew Park projects and community improvements
- Annual Children’s Safety Fair Jane Lew Park
- Christmas Santa House in Jane Lew
- Veterans support and assistance for families in need
- Supplies for Homeless and Hospitalized Veterans at Clarksburg VA
- Sponsor a local Veteran for Honor Flight to Washington DC War Memorials

- Winter Wishes for Jane Lew Elementary School
- “Continued collaboration with AFP Logs and Lumber Company strengthens our ability to serve the community,” stated Jane Lew Lion Frank Bragg, Spokesperson. “Their ongoing wood donations ensure our pit remains ready to host this important fundraiser, which directly benefits countless families in our area.”

Submitted by President Lion Linda Aman

Jane Lew Lions Club Hits 502-Pound NexTrex Recycling Milestone, Earning Two Prize Entries. The Jane Lew Lions Club, led by Membership Chair, Lion Beth White, announced today that they have submitted 502 pounds of recycled plastic to NexTrex for shipping, earning the Jane Lew Lions Club two entries into NexTrex’s prize drawings. This milestone follows the club’s ongoing commitment to community service through recycling initiatives that support local projects and environmental stewardship.

The NexTrex® Recycling Challenge has evolved into a self-initiated, competition-driven program designed to be more accessible and



equitable. Under the updated structure, participating organizations that collect at least 250 pounds of recycled plastic film within a 12-month period qualify for an entry into various prize drawings. The Jane Lew Lions Club’s recent submission surpasses this threshold, demonstrating consistent community engagement and impact. 502 pounds of recycled plastic submitted today to a NexTrex location for shipping.

This submission entitles Jane Lew Lions Club to two prize entries. In November, Beth White reached the 1,000-pound milestone in plastic recycling receiving a park bench. In honor of Lion Leonard Drake, a longtime Lions activist in Jane Lew, the club donated the bench to Jane Lew Park. Current leadership: Lions Beth White, Mike Walker, and Pat Casey pictured together, representing the ongoing dedication of the Jane Lew Lions Club to service and environmental stewardship.

“The NexTrex Recycling Challenge has become a powerful way for our club to mobilize the community around a simple, meaningful act—recycling plastic film for a tangible, local impact,” said Lion Beth White, Earning two prize entries is a reflection of our members’ hard work and the community’s support.”

“This milestone not only helps fund community projects but also raises awareness about sustainable practices,” added Lion Mike Walker. We’re grateful for the opportunity NexTrex provides to turn everyday recycling into real improvements in and near Jane Lew.

The Jane Lew Lions Club is a service organization dedicated to community improvement, youth programs, and humanitarian efforts in Jane Lew and the surrounding area. The club is actively involved in local projects, including providing eye care and glasses for children and adults, environmental initiatives, support for non profit community organizations, local parks and veterans’ services.

Pictured are Lions Mike Walker, Pat Casey, and Beth White celebrating the 502-pound NexTrex submission that earned two prize entries.

Submitted by President Lion Linda Aman

Jane Lew Lions Club hosted an Emergency Preparedness Workshop on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at the Jane Lew Park Building. The event, part of Lion District 29I, Zone 9 activities, brought together Lions from multiple clubs and local officials to enhance community readiness for emergencies.

Lion Linda Aman, President of the Jane Lew Lions Club, welcomed attendees and opened the session.

Fire service trainer Captain Walter Knight of the Clarksburg Fire Department led the workshop, focusing on emergency preparedness strategies and best practices.

Lion Beth White, Zone 9 Chair, introduced special guests, including 2nd Vice District Governor Diana Bedell. Lion Lesa Cvechko was recognized with a Chevron for 15 years of service.

Attendees included leaders from area clubs, notably West Milford Lions Club (Hilda Clutter, President; Roy Murphy, Vice President; Bruce Clutter,



Bruce Clutter, Treasurer) and Bruceton Community Lions Club (David Ferguson, President). Invitations were extended to the East Lions Club of Weston, Johnstown Lions Club, and Lost Creek Lions. A total of 40 Lion members and 2 guests participated. Guests Captain Knight and 2nd Vice District Governor Bedell were gifted Jane Lew Lions Club emblem aprons as mementos of the event by Lion President Aman.

“This workshop is a vital step in ensuring our communities are prepared to respond effectively in emergencies,” said Lion Zone 9 Chair, Beth White “Collaboration among clubs and community leaders strengthens our ability to protect neighbors.”

Submitted by President Lion Linda Aman

Berkeley Springs Lions Club Welcomes New Members. On February 10th, three new Lions were



inducted into the Berkeley Springs Lions Club (BSLC). From Left: new Lions Jason and Dr. Leslie Hiles, sponsor Lion Ashley Mason, mascot Jack Mason, BSLC President Kim Mason, new Lion Kelly Hofe, and sponsor Lion Dave Hansen.

Lions Clubs International (LCI) has over 1.4 million members in 49,000 clubs in over 200 countries and geographic areas. The mission of LCI is to empower Lions clubs, volunteers and partners to improve health and wellbeing, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian service and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding. And we fulfill it every day, everywhere we serve. Global causes of Lions include Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Disaster Relief, Environment, Humanitarian, Hunger Vision, and Youth.

Submitted by PDG Lion Gray Jones

Berkeley Springs Lions Club Awarded the Heart of Service Dawn Beal, Director of the Morgan County Parks & Recreation Board, was awarded a Hearts of Service Coin and Certificate by the Berkeley Springs Lions Club on February 10th. The Lions of West



Virginia award those coins and certificates to those whose lives exemplify service to others. Dawn is the driving force behind the Backpack Program which provides school supplies to school children throughout Morgan County. She is the Widmeyer Elementary School's Read Aloud Coordinator and Title I Parent Facilitator, the Band Booster's financial officer, a member of Berkeley High School's Local School Improvement Council, a Settlers 4H Club Assistant Leader, and the Apple Butter Parade Coordinator. She's also the West Virginia Citizen Review Panel's Coordinator. Her life of service to others shines as a community exemplar.

Dawn Beal awarded Heart of Service Certificate and Coin by Lion Gray Jones

Submitted by PDG Lion Gray Jones

Jane Lew Lions Club supports youth education. What a day at the Lewis County Spelling Bee! Congratulations to all participants at the Lewis County Spelling Bee! Held on February 21st at Lewis County High School. The Lewis County Spelling Bee is complete! Congratulations to all



participants and our top winners. Linda Aman President of Jane Lew Lions Club participated as a judge.

Submitted by President Lion Linda Aman

Bruceton Community Lions Club increase



brooms sales with decorative awareness. We would like to share that we have had an increased interest in our broom sales at the local Clear Mountain Bank who graciously displays and collects funds for the sale of our Lions Club Brooms. What has led to our broom sales success? Ribbons tied in a bow around the brooms. We began adding a seasonal bow to our display and this has caught the eye of locals for a ready-made gift. We hope this simple, yet effective change may help other clubs increase their sales as well.

Submitted by Lion Dawn Bolyard

Bruceton Community Lions Club 70th Anniversary Celebration. On October 18th, the



Bruceton Community Lions Club celebrated their 70th Anniversary. To commemorate the event, they invited the community to a free spaghetti dinner. During the event, Leonard Jarrett awards were given to several community businesses. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Lion Crystal Thomas

Jane Lew Lions Club proudly supported our nation's veterans by sending heartfelt Thank You Cards to Honor Flight participants and sponsoring WV veterans to join this meaningful journey to Washington, DC. Our continued commitment honors their service and ensures these veterans receive the recognition and camaraderie they deserve.

Submitted by President Lion Linda Aman

Bruceton Community Lions Club Christmas Homecoming Lighted Parade and Celebration. On December 6th, the Bruceton Community Lions Club sponsored the



Christmas Homecoming and Lighted Christmas Parade for the community. In addition to the

lighted parade, there was free food, kid activities, festive contests, and entertainment provided by the club

and other community churches and organizations.

Submitted by Lion Crystal Thomas

West Milford Lions Club notes neighboring Lions Clubs participated in the bell ringing for the Salvation Army in November and December. West Milford Lions Members participate in this activity



as well. Although the activity was not published previously, the club takes note of the missing event and continues to communicate to your newsletter editor for inclusion. As Lion Kam notes, "You just can't keep a good Lion down, huh?"

Submitted by Lion Kam Sloan

Shepherdstown Centennial Lions Club hosted a 'Breakfast with Santa' at the Blue Moon restaurant in Shepherdstown on December 20th. Kids and their



parents enjoyed pancakes and photos with Santa. Happy families at the Shepherdstown Lions Club 'Breakfast w/ Santa'.

Submitted by Lion Effie Kallas

Jane Lew Lions Club Representatives Present at Jane Lew Elementary School Social Studies Fair. On January 21st, the Jane Lew Lions Club was represented at the Jane Lew Elementary School Social Studies Fair by Mike Walker, Debby Walker, Beth White, and Bill White. The group celebrated



and supported the participation of students who presented six engaging social studies projects. The Jane Lew Lions Club continues their support for local students in educational programs. Pictured Left to right: Mike Walker, Debby Walker, Beth White and Bill White.

Submitted by President Lion Linda Aman

Bridgeport Lions Club members, Diana Bedell, Kelly Maher, Theresa Gain, Jay Larry, Steve Glass, Cindy Glass and Estelle Rice served dinner to those in need at the Warming Shelter in downtown Clarksburg as part of the Hunger Week for Service activity. Another meal will be served for the Clarksburg Mission in February.

Submitted by SDVG Lion Diana Bedell

Charles Town Lions Club successfully hosted its annual Christmas fundraiser in December 2025, offering raffle tickets for a festive wagon filled with toys. This year's event featured two prize opportunities valued at \$500 and \$300, with Lions members donating toys to maximize profits. The funds raised will support the club's facility renovation initiatives. The Club held a fundraising raffle for two



wagons full of toys, etc. The photos show our winners. The top photo shows winner Margo Robinson Harris & Khali Gosey with Lion Tanya Adams. The bottom left photo shows winner Vickie Clarke with Lion Brenda Gaskin & the bottom right photo shows winner Vickie Clarke with Lion Tyler Payton.

Submitted by Lion Vicki Propps

Shepherdstown Centennial Lions Club is sponsoring a

Breakfast With The Easter Bunny

Saturday, April 4th from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
at **Blue Moon Café**

Proceeds benefit
Local Community Service Projects

Adults (13 & older) – \$10
Children 4-12 – \$5
Children 3 & under – Free

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LIONS29newsletter@yahoo.com

Yours In Service, Lion Jim Mullen

Club Request for District Governor Greg's Visit

Club name: _____

Setting up an Activity Visit:

Name and location of activity place: _____

Time Activity begins _____ ends _____ (Indicate am or pm)

Requested Time DG Greg to be on site _____ to _____ (Indicate am or pm)

Setting up a Meeting Visit:

Meeting Dates in order of preference: 1st _____ 2nd _____

Time Lions meeting begins _____ a.m. or p.m. (Circle one)

When does social time begin if you have one? _____

Will you have a meal? Yes _____ No _____

Are there other clubs involved? Yes/No If yes, who _____

Would you like the governor to? DG Dress: Formal _____ Casual _____

Install officers? Yes _____ No _____ Suit

Install new members? Yes _____ No _____

Present special awards? Yes _____ No _____

Do you need a microphone system? YES NO Do you need a projector/computer?? YES NO

(NOTE: You may set up either an Activity Visit a Meeting Visit or both and DG Lion Greg will contact the club which event he is able to attend)

Lion requesting the visit _____ Phone # _____

E-mail _____

Please mail request form or email information to me ASAP. Thank you.

Lion Greg Greenwalt

District Governor 29I

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