



291 PRIDE NEWS

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LIONS EIGHT PILLARS OF SERVICE -- VISION



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 answer the question: What causes are Lions uniting to serve around the world? We are working to serve and reduce impact on these worthwhile causes:



Vision A storied history of vision care

Lions and Leos, with the support of Lions Clubs international Foundation (LCIF), are dedicated to improving the lives of the visually impaired and preventing avoidable blindness.

Deaf and blind from an early age, Helen Keller emerged as an outspoken activist, championing vision care for much of her life. In 1925, [Helen Keller](#) boldly called upon Lions to serve as

Knights of the Blind — and Lions answered the call. Today, her influence still resonates loudly, as Lions continue to expand their vision service all over the world. In 1990, Lions International introduced [SightFirst](#), a program that enabled Lions, health care providers and partner organizations around the world to fight the major causes of preventable and reversible blindness and assist those who were blind or visually impaired. More than 544 million people have been impacted by vision service projects thanks to SightFirst Grants, and Lions continue to serve the blind and visually impaired.

[LIONS KIDSIGHT](#)

Lions KidSight provides vision screening and referral services to youth starting at the age of six months. These screening services are vital in ensuring youth receive early intervention and necessary eye care.

[LIONS EYE BANKS](#)

Eye banks recover, evaluate, store and distribute human eye tissue for vision restoration, research and education. Eye surgeons rely on eye banks to supply them with tissue for sight-saving procedures. A Lions eye bank is sponsored by a Lions club, district or multiple district and has an established working relationship with a medical facility.

[VISION SCREENING](#)

Eighty percent of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured. The first step to prevention is awareness. The second is early detection through vision screening. Around the world, Lions partner with medical professionals and community leaders to

screen young children, primary school students and adults to identify those at risk for vision loss.

[EYEGLOSS RECYCLING](#)

Refractive errors can be easily corrected with eyeglasses, yet millions living in low- and middle-income countries lack access to basic eye care services. Lions have recognized the urgent need for corrective lenses and collect usable glasses in their communities to support eyeglass recycling.

[VISION GRANT](#)

The LCIF Vision Grant supports Lion-led service activities that fight blindness and preventable vision loss and/or assist people who are blind and visually impaired in underserved communities.

[DISTRICT & CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANT](#)

Through the DCG Program, 15% 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](https://wvlions.org/)

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

- **January 8th** – Hedgesville/Pikeside Lions Clubs – District Governor’s Visit
- **NO ADDITIONAL UPDATES TO THE CABINET CALENDAR AT THIS TIME**

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

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Good day LIONS!!!



On behalf of the District 29I cabinet, we wish you the very best this holiday season. The calendar year of 2025 is closing and we have also met with the halfway point of the Lions fiscal year. This is a great time to reflect upon what has passed. Reflecting as Lions on the past half year provides us with the opportunity to understand and measure what we have accomplished. As the calendar year ends and we take the time to enjoy these holidays with family and friends, it also provides us with an opportunity to plan. Not just our personal or professional lives, but also our Lions life. What can each of us do to continue growing our Lions clubs?

How can we facilitate our services to those in need throughout the year? Take note that the newsletter is running a series on the Global Causes that Lions Clubs International has aligned with the United Nations. Use these articles to support your future thoughts and actions. Let the application of the support found in the articles and on the LCI website bring to life the services that can be aligned to these goals within your community. Watch the gift of your efforts enable those around you.



*Yours in Service
Lion Jim Mullen*

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“WE SERVE”

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

CABINET OFFICERS, ZONE AND PROGRAM CHAIRS

Please submit information regarding your activities. This includes any meeting summaries, services, fundraisers or even outlines of duties to relate to club members. Submit to:

LIONS29Inewsletter@yahoo.com

Yours In Service, Lion Jim Mullen

Club Administration

By Lion Steve Glass, District Administrator

Please take the time to read this important information and save it for future reference.

To all club officers, especially club secretaries and club administrators: If you need assistance with Portal issues such as entering new members or making changes to membership information and/or entering service activities, please contact me – I can help. As the district administrator, I can do any of the functions that a club secretary or club administrator can do for clubs in the district. I will be glad to assist you. I am also able to review individual club reports such as rosters, club contact information, club officers, etc. Please use me if you need me.

***Note well: Club treasurers: November 15th is the deadline to file your EZ 990 electronic filing with the IRS for the last fiscal year's activities (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. Please do not neglect to take care of this task. If you need help, again you may contact me.**

Lastly, club treasurers: You will not be receiving paper copies in the mail any longer from Lions International for the per capita dues statement that will be coming out in January 2026 for the second half of the 2025-2026 Lions year. 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:

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

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

The NEW LIONS PORTAL has launched. District 29I has recorded the portal training and a link provided on the 29I Website. The portal is a nice archive of information containing a member's history. Navigate your web browser to LCI ([Click here](#)) and get started.



29I Fall Conference Highlights

By Lion Beth White, Zone 9 Chair

MD 29-I Fall Conference at Canaan was Well Attended by Zone 9 Lions

The MD 29-I Fall Conference was held October 3-5, 2025, at Canaan Valley Resort; and was enjoyed by Zone 9 Lions: Dwayne Brown, Linda Aman, Beth White and Bill White from the Jane Lew Lions and by Roy Murphy from the West Milford Lions Club. This was the first Fall Conference for Dwayne, Linda, and Roy, but probably will not be their last.

The Conference was attended by 72 Lions from MD L, C, and I. The beautiful location added to the festivities this year since it was prime leaf peeper season! Friday night we were entertained by a Murder Mystery Show, where we were part of the show complete with props. (Photos show men in cowboy hats and women with feathers.) A good



time was had by all, even though only two Lions picked the correct murderer. Thank you, GMT Coordinator, Renee Douthitt, for a thriller!



The guest speakers and dignitaries for the conference were, International Director, Gary Steele and his wife Elizabeth, from Cleveland, NC. ID Steele's accolades are too many to name, but his session on the Lions University was well attended. He explained what Lions University is and why we should use it. The University is an educational institution established in 2014. It is an online platform that provides leadership curriculum for Lions members, offering bachelor's, master's, and doctoral courses focused on Lionism and leadership principles.

Elizabeth Steele gave a wonderful presentation on LEO Clubs. She shared her expert knowledge and answered many questions after her presentation. She is a valuable resource for any club wanting to start a LEO Club, or anyone who has questions regarding a current club.

PID Steve Glass, MD29-I Administrator, also had a seminar on "Is Your Club on the Right Track?" He offered valuable information regarding the Lions Portal and considers himself a Portal Advocate. He stressed the use of Robert's Rules of Order in organizing club meetings and answered many questions from the group. As District Administrator, Steve plans on visiting the clubs in the district and assisting anyway he can.

During the Cabinet Meeting, Lion Richard Thorne who chairs LCIF and the Sight Foundation explained his role in Lions and offered to attend Zone Meetings in the district, so each could learn more of what goes on in each area. He encouraged Lions to donate individually to LCIF and to Melvin Jones as you would to any nonprofit organization.

Past District Governor Gray Jones explained the Quest Program. Quest is a social and emotional program owned by LCIF to promote students in controlling their own behavior. It is available for PreKindergarten through 12th grade, integrating social and emotional learning, character education, drug and bullying prevention and service learning. Many schools have used the program, as well as the

judicial system. PDG Gray also offered to visit any district or schools that would have a need for this program.

The **WOW!** moment in the Cabinet Meeting was from Wayne Worth, the Disaster Relief Chair. Wayne spoke of all the partnerships he had developed in ten years of service, including in part, WV VoAg, Emergency Management, First Responders, Volunteers of WV, and over 10 different Lions clubs. He and his team have been to 7 different disasters (floods) in WV, and he listed each with a description of each with the duration of the clean up. He has had over 100 volunteers help with service and support. He said that his most challenging relief effort was in Smithers, WV in 2022, when everyone had to get shots (vaccines), due to a sewer line break. The stories that man can tell can send chills down your spine. Wayne would be an excellent person to contact if you need a speaker for a meeting. The service he has provided to people in need is unmatched and his candor is breath taking.

No Fall Conference is complete without The Parade of Checks. At the end of the meeting it was reported that almost \$60,000 had been received from the district clubs. Not all the clubs had submitted by the time that tally was taken, so that number will increase for sure.

The service project this year, by PDG Sue Long, was "Welcome to Our School Backpacks." Clubs were asked to bring elementary school supplies to fill backpacks for children who transfer into a new school. Many children have to change schools in the middle of the year and this was a thoughtful way to make them feel that they are part the new school. Lions packed the bags with crayons, markers, pencils, erasers, paper, etc. and sent them back with Lions to distribute.

This is only a small part of what we experienced at the Fall Conference. There was a lot of information in a small amount of time, but nothing can compare to the camaraderie felt being in the presence of other Lions. It's amazing to talk to people from different areas and see how similar our problems are and how much we can learn if we just open up. There were many opportunities to brainstorm with other Lions on fundraising, retaining older

members, recruiting ideas to gain new members, and just have a roaring good time!

If you missed this year, plan on attending next year, The Multiple District Conference in May 15-17, 2026, at Canaan Valley Resort. Save the date. You will be glad you did! I know you'll learn something; and if you're not careful, you'll have a really good time!

29I Fall Conference **Welcome to Our School Backpacks**

By Lion Henry Krautwurst

Lions Make a Delivery to the Local Elementary School

October 20, 2025 – PDG Sue Long brought a service project to the District 29-I Conference held at Canaan Valley Resort State Park on October 4, 2025. Lion Sue, being a teacher for 47 years, devised the perfect service project.

Students often receive back packs with school supplies at the beginning of the year. Her concern was for the children that transfer in during the school year. For the student, that transition into the new school can be difficult. With that in mind she purchased 144 bags with “Welcome to Our School Enjoy Your Year” printed on the bag. It is intended to help the new student feel welcome upon their arrival. Each bag is filled with various school supplies. The service project entailed Lions filling the bags with the supplies making them ready for distribution.



Lions Lorrie and Henry Krautwurst had the pleasure of delivering 10 school bags to the Capon Bridge Elementary School. The school Secretary, Ashley Anderson, received the bags. She was thrilled to get them. Well, thrilled might be understating her reaction. She thought this was “So cool!” It was

unbridled excitement. She sends her THANK YOU! to the Lions.

Youth Camps & Exchange

By Lion Henry Krautwurst, Chairperson '24-'25

West Virginia Lions Club Offers 'Super Opportunity for Kids' to See the World

By Stephen Smoot, The Pendleton Times

"They make friends across the world...many of them lifelong friends."

Thus says Henry Krautwurst of the Lions Club and Capon Springs. He helps to administer the Youth Camps and Exchange Program for the Mountain State. "It's intended to bring kids from different cultures together to learn," he stated.

Through the program, a young person between the ages of 15 and 22 can go abroad and reside with a host family for two to five weeks. There in a close-knit family setting, they experience what it's like to live in another country.

Most areas also have a one-to-two week camp component in which youth from around the globe can gather together for fun and fellowship. The mission, according to the Lions Club website, is "to create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world."

Another aspect of the program lies in West Virginia families hosting young people looking for a similar experience in America.

Krautwurst shared that "my wife and I hosted about 10 over the last 10 or 12 years." He told of one experience when he hosted Ani from Finland. Not long before she had to leave, "we got a request from Yuko, a student in Japan who wanted to come."

The visit from Yuko overlapped with that of Ani by five days, but as Krautwurst stated "they had a ball together. They took the girls to a family reunion, on a helicopter ride, and more American good times."

But the friendship between the girls powered through a world of separation when they left the United States. As Krautwurst explained, Yuko later ended up living in Prague, the capital city of the Czech Republic. Ani invited Yuko to join her family in Finland for Christmas, and she stayed for a month.

On another occasion, the Krautwursts hosted a 15-year-old from Lima, Peru. They took her throughout the region, including Colonial Williamsburg. Her family offered a return invitation and hosted the Krautwurst couple in their country for a month, proudly showing them the sites.

Through the Lions Club program, it's hard to predict where a trip and friends meeting will lead in the future.

As Krautwurst says, "Don't be afraid to enter an experience."

In his experience, unfortunately, too many are.

From West Virginia the Lions Club can send up to six program participants. Krautwurst related that in many schools, he will travel to recruit for the program. In recent years, interest in this and similar experiences among young people have declined.

"I went to a table in a high school and set up in a cafeteria," he said, going on to relate that he tried to engage students throughout the lunch periods. "Every kid walked past the table and one stopped. That's scary."

Often what a family host gives, they get back in the most unexpected ways. Krautwurst in 2020 contracted COVID and spent nine weeks fighting for his life against the disease. "All

those kids and families were emailing me," he said, adding "I was just taken by that. It was more than just an experience to them."

Qualifying participants travel on a \$1,700 grant provided to a student in grades 10 through 12 or a recent graduate. Possible destinations include Austria, Switzerland, France, Germany, Finland, Japan, Italy, Peru, or Australia during summer 2026.

The Lions Club engages with counselors at every high school to ensure that all high school students in



West Virginia have the opportunity to learn about it and apply. Those with questions are urged to contact Michelle Harshbarger at 304-588-7420 or jasonharsh@aol.com.

Youth Exchange Reflections

By Pauliina Myllymäki

Youth Exchange Reflections from Finland

Living my dream through the Lions youth exchange. Hi! I am Pauliina Myllymäki from Finland, and I had the chance to spend part of my summer in the United States through the Lions Youth Exchange program. The trip was unforgettable, and since returning home, there has not been a single day when I have not thought about it with warmth. I spent three weeks in August 2025 in West Virginia, in a small town called Mathias. My host family lived close to the border of Virginia, so we spent a lot of time there as well. Thanks to them, I also got to visit the state of Maryland. Visiting the United States had been one of my biggest dreams, so I am forever grateful to Lions for making this experience possible for me. My host family was truly more than I could have wished for. They welcomed me with open arms and made me feel at home from the very first day. The family included a mom, a dad, and two younger boys. We spent a lot of time together talking, playing games, going outside, and watching shows. During my stay, we shared our cultures with each other. I learned a lot about the USA and I got to share my Finnish culture. The host family lived in the countryside surrounded by beautiful scenery and many animals. I am grateful because I was able to experience so many different sides of the United States. My host family made it possible for me to see stunning nature, movie-like neighborhoods, and the excitement of big cities. My host family was always full of ideas for things we could do together. Almost every day we explored the local area and experienced something new. We spent time in West



Virginia's nature, had picnics by the water, went shopping in Virginia, and tried new restaurants. I finally got to go to Target and Walmart, which had weirdly been little dreams of mine. I know it might sound silly to anyone who lives there, but I was genuinely so excited. Every day during my exchange felt like a gift. I still remember driving over the mountains at sunset, with music playing and the sky glowing orange. In Virginia we visited the amazing Luray Caverns. We also spent a day at a traveling fair, and I experienced my first American rodeo, which was incredible. One of the funniest days was at the Virginia Safari Park, where hungry animals kept sticking their heads into our car. Another unforgettable moment was horseback riding along a forest trail in West Virginia, something I had wanted to do for a long time. I got to meet so many wonderful people, and I feel like my English improved a lot while I was there. We

also took two overnight trips to bigger cities, where I got a taste of city life. In Maryland, we visited Baltimore, where I saw beautiful city views and explored different museums. Before I flew back home, we also visited Washington DC and got to feel the atmosphere of the capital. I got to see incredible landmarks, including the White House and many historic memorials. We also spent time exploring the impressive Museum of Natural History. This exchange was one of the best things that has ever happened to me. I had never traveled alone before, but everything went smoothly. After graduating from high school, I had been

longing to travel and see more of the world. The youth exchange taught me independence and courage, and it showed me how much there is to explore beyond home. I truly recommend the Lions Youth Exchange to any young person who is thinking about applying. It is so much more than just traveling to a new country. You get to experience a different way of life, meet wonderful people, and learn things about yourself that you would never discover at home. It gives you confidence, independence, and memories that stay with you forever. I am incredibly thankful to my

local Lions Club for supporting me and for making this dream come true.

Youth Camps & Exchange

By Lion Henry Krautwurst, Chairperson '24-'25

Youth Exchange Interviews

Youth Exchange Committee met on December 6th in Nutter Fort to interview 14 students vying to receive one of the six travel scholarships valued at \$1,700 and the opportunity to gain experience in a foreign community. The interviews started at 10:00 am and finished at 3:00 pm. As I have said in the past, we see some of the most incredible students in WV. It is amazing their activities both in school and in their communities.

The interview committee consisted of Lorrie Krautwurst, Mackenzie Harshbarger and Richard McMillen. They all commented how difficult it was trying to select only 6 winners. They all said they wanted to award a scholarship to all of the students. They convinced the Committee Chair, Michelle Harshbarger, to add one more award. Seven students will travel during the summer of 2026. One alternative student was named who will move up if one of the winners is unable to travel.



Pictured above are the successful candidates chosen for the Youth Exchange Scholarships. They are: (L-R) Alyssa Dalton, Gabriela Stevens, Henry Spears, Colton Hetzer, Quin Surles, Oloniya Jones and Shayle Montgomery (not pictured due to having to work).

The students and their families remained with us throughout the day. Lion Paula Shehan is a member of the church in which the interviews were held. At

the back of the room was a long table of food for their Back Pack Ministry. So, while the students were waiting to hear who the winners would be, we engaged them in a service activity. They filled 183 bags of food and set them on a table for the church back pack committee to make use of the next day.



At 3:20 the interview committee announced the winners: Gabreilla Stevens, Alyssa Dalton, Oloniya Jones, Henry Spears, Colton Hetzer, Quin Surles & Shayle Montgomery with the alternate Alanna Hukill. Those who were not selected were encouraged to apply again next year.

Leader Dog

By Lion Robin Faris, Chairperson

In Every Leader Dog Lies the Heart of a Lion

LCIF and Leader Dogs for the Blind go as far back as 1939. Since then, the Lions have been ambassadors and loyal supporters of the mission to help the visually impaired find their independence and freedom while living in a sightless world. It all started on a small farm in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Fifty dollars a month rented a farmhouse for the clients and staff, a barn for the dogs, and a garage. On October 8, 1939, the first class of the official Lions Leader Dog Foundation graduated. The cost to graduate a client/dog team was \$600. Today, that price has skyrocketed to a whopping \$45,744/ team. The training is still in Rochester Hills Michigan.

Today, the Lions Club supports guide dog programs through fundraising, volunteer efforts, and advocacy. Many local Lions Clubs sponsor individual guide dogs, covering the substantial costs of breeding, training, and lifelong care. The club also supports research into new training techniques, such as harnesses that improve communication

between dogs and their handlers. In addition to guide dog programs, the Lions Club has also embraced the use of service dogs for other disabilities, expanding their mission to assist more people in need. Lions have stepped forward to support the people WE SERVE as puppy raisers and hosts for our breeding stock dogs.

The Lions club has played a crucial role in creating a world where visually impaired individuals can lead fulfilling lives. As we look to the future, we must remain dedicated to this cause, continuing to innovate and support the guide dog movement globally.

Disaster Relief & Recovery

By Lion Wayne Worth, Chairperson

There is a need to adapt our current and future sustainment for Disaster Relief.

Five years or more ago West Milford Lion Jeff Barnhart spearheaded the purchase of a disaster relief trailer to store flood relief tools and supplies.

Recently storage of the trailer has become an issue. It's location at the West Milford United Methodist Church is not secure and remains empty of tools due to a chance of theft. A Secure location has not been forthcoming. Therefore I propose the following: 1) That the DG and/or the cabinet reach out (via a mass email would suffice) to local lions in the Bridgeport, Clarksburg, Grafton, and Weston/Jane Lew areas to see if anyone has a secure place to store this trailer, or 2) At the next cabinet meeting discuss selling the trailer.

We have effectively respond to floods in West Virginia (10 floods in the past 10 years) with the current system which is not sustainable. The District needs to have a neutral location (close to the disaster relief chairman) where all flood tools and supplies could be located. My recommendation is that if we cannot find a secure location to store the disaster relief trailer, that we sell it, put the proceeds of the sale back into the disaster relief account, and then rent a climate controlled storage unit where we can house all of the flood relief tools and supplies.

If you have any further questions, ideas, or solutions feel free to contact me via email at wayneoworth@hotmail.com or

phone at 304-476-1710.

Lion Wayne Worth

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Hello District 29I Lions Cabinet Members, Club Officers and Club Members.

District Governor Greg has requested that I communicate and forward the announcement of Lion Diana Bedell being approved as the District 29I 2nd Vice District Governor for the remainder of the fiscal year 2025-2026..

Please welcome Lion Diana as the District 29I 2nd Vice District Governor.

Thanks.

Lion Daryl M. See

District 29I Secretary/Treasure

MEET THE LIONS DISTRICT 29I CABINET

Submitted By District Governor Lion Greg Greenwalt

Gregory Greenwalt	District Governor
VACANT	1st Vice District Governor
Diana Bedell	2nd Vice District Governor
Kim Ann Mason	Immediate Past District Governor
Daryl M. See	Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer
Robert Bright	District Information Technology Chairperson
Brendan Byrne	District Leo Chairperson
Brendan Byrne	District Peace Poster Contest Chairperson
Patricia A Byrne	District Diabetes Chairperson
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Diana L. Bedell	Zone 8 Chairperson
Mrs. Beth L White	Zone 9 Chairperson
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Michelle Harshbarger (29L)	Youth Exchange
VACANT	Council Chair
VACANT	Council Secretary/Treasurer
VACANT	Blind Ski/Recreation
VACANT	Service Dog
VACANT	Reading Action Program

DG Lion Greg Greenwalt is growing our cabinet. Here is a list of officers that are extending their services to the Clubs in the District. This is a valuable set of information for clubs to reach out and expand their services. Note there a few postions that remain vacant. Key to success is filling the 1st & 2nd VDG positions. Doing so will ensure a strong Cabinet for years to come. Are you ready to contribute to that foundation?

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
 Gerald Davis III – Shinnston, 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
 Dianna See – Moorefield, October
 Michael Cochran – Kingwood, October
 Georgia Meyers – Valley District, October
 Diana Patterson – Shepherdstown Centennial, October
 Matthew Patterson – Shepherdstown Centennial, October
 Sidney Felouzis – Tunnelton, October
 Larry Miller – Kingwood, October
 Kathleen Ratliff – Moorefield, October
 Beth Grudi – Phillipi, October
 Misty Huston – Clarksburg Adamston, November

In Memorium to Our Cherished LIONS

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Robert Shickle	Hedgesville	March
Joel Beane	Kingwood	August
James Garrett Lobb	Kingwood	August
Earl Snyder	Kingwood	August
B. Doug Haller	Phillipi	September
Tom Freeland	Martinsburg	October
Gary Baker	Wilsonburg	October
Eunice Freeland	Martinsburg	November

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 **Central Upshur 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.

“Our club is community helping others. Not only eye glasses but give out college scholarships yearly to a senior. Our members are always willing to help no matter what.”

“\$1,000 scholarships to high school students for college (3 in 2021). Help sell Apple Butter to help with eyeglasses for those who need them. Donating peanut butter and other canned food to our needy.”

The **Grafton Lions Club** was established in 1986. 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.

“A Grafton High School student was losing his eye sight. The U.S. had not approved the procedure he needed, but Canada had. The family could not afford to go there to have the procedure. The Grafton Lions Club set him up with the WV Sight Foundation. They covered the cost of the procedure and he and his family expenses to go to Canada. Today he has 20/20 vision, graduated from WVU, married and has a baby.”

“I am proud to have been a part of sending Colton to Canada to receive a surgical procedure to save his sight. He was in high school at the time and the procedure was not FDA approved in U.S. He is now currently in Medical School.”

“The Lion’s Club made me create a connection with members of the community I live in. I really had not been involved, even after living there for years. But the club gave me a purpose and belonging. There were a couple members who mentored me. They have passes and I continue to implement their projects as their legacy.”

“Great to help so many unfortunate persons with glasses. Have collected 115 pair of glasses over 18 months.”

The **Roaring Creek Lions Club** was established in 1973. 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 gave a check to a young lady that lost everything in a house fire. The look on her face was worth it all.”

“We have sponsored many cake walks for people in need in our community. This is from everything from illness to hearing and sight equipment. The look on their faces from the monies received and their gratitude makes you roar inside.”

“Helped a young child who had sugar (diabetes) to get a dog that could tell him when it was high (glucose was elevated).”

“Several years ago, there was a young girl in our area who was born blind. The club had a fundraiser to help with the cost of surgery for her. She had the surgery and her sight was restored.”

The **Shepherdstown Centennial Lions Club** was established in 2017. 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 became a Lion because I was asked to help start the club a year ago. But for service to others started when I went to the Philippines and saw people in poverty who needed help and my faith in Christ tells me to serve others, as Christ served others.”

“Unfortunately, I have not been a Lion for Long-so I do not have a Lion AHA moment to share. But a moment I will share is that I am a retired school teacher. I taught for 30 years. Last summer I had a young lady to contact me via Facebook. She wrote me a note and said she was at the hairdresser with a friend and a stranger asked her why did she pledge her sorority. She said her second-grade teacher. She then proceeded to tell me that she just joined Facebook to get in contact with me. She said she was a girl from the projects and living with her single mom and siblings. I brought her home many weekends. She adored me and wanted to be like me. She is now married, has her Master’s degree and she pledged my sorority. I was her favorite teacher. I reached out to my favorite teacher (in her 90’s) and I send her cards and gifts monthly. Teachers teach for the outcome not the income.”

“Lion Michael Sholl is my son. His first years as Lions’ President I would assist whenever I could. It was the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Breakfast with Santa Claus that truly touched my heart. Still not a Lion, I also volunteered with the Kids Power PAC lunches at Shepherdstown Middle and Elementary Schools. It was through this opportunity of serving that made me want to be a Lion.”

RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

A Compilation From 29I 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: 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 hosted their annual Christmas Dinner at the Jane Lew Park Building with the **East Lewis Lions Club** of Weston, WV. The event brought together nearly 50 Lions for an evening of fellowship, service, and community reflection.



Pictured are members of the 2 clubs enjoying the meal and camaraderie of the event. And not to be left out for once is the photographer and president of the Jane Lew Lions Club Linda Aman.

The two clubs reaffirmed their strong collaboration on community service initiatives, underscoring a shared commitment to District I29 priorities and local needs. Acknowledgments were extended to ongoing cooperation between Jane Lew Lions Club and East Lewis Lions Club in delivering service projects and community outreach. Linda Aman, President, Jane Lew Lions Club stated, "We value the cooperation with the East Lewis Lions Club in serving our community and expanding our impact through joint efforts." Bill Bennett, President, East Lewis Lions Club commented: "Together, we can accomplish more for those in need and continue building a lasting legacy of service." Lion Russell Gatian opened the meeting with an Invocation & Blessing. Service Awards were given to Gary Smith, Richard Smith, Marvin Stewart and Frank Bragg (presented by Bill Bennett and Linda Aman). The club presented Well Wishes to community members. Get-well cards signed for Suzie Gatian, secretary of the Jane Lew Lions Club and get well wishes for Andy Wolfe, a Guardsman injured in Washington, DC. The feast for the event was catered by Chelle Cole. The Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization, dedicated to empowering volunteers to serve their communities and meet humanitarian needs locally and globally.

Submitted by President Lion Linda Aman

Bridgeport Lions Club completed another successful pancake and sausage breakfast and participated in the Bridgeport Christmas parade on December 6. 23 Lions and 11 members of the BHS Key Club made these events a success. Pictured in



the photo are Lions (front row) Larry Johnson, Diana Bedell, PID Steve Glass, Helen McCarty and (back row) Paula Shahan, Ken Shahan, Susie Lehmann, Jay Larry, Charlene LOUK, Frank Sturm,

Jeff Lawrence, Kelly Grant and Patty Flanigan. (Not pictured but attending were Theresa Gain and Doug Miley).



The parade crew is all smiles for the camera and the crowd during the parade. Also dressed in smiles for the breakfast is DG Lion Greg Greenwalt and some of the breakfast kitchen crew.

Submitted by Lion Diana Bedell

Clarksburg Lions Club works with Walmart in Clarksburg where there is now a donation box for used eyeglasses through its partnership with Lions Clubs International. The Clarksburg Lions Club has made arrangements with Walmart to maintain the collection box and collect the glasses. The donation box is located just inside the lobby entrance to the Walmart Pharmacy and the Vision Center. You can donate old prescription glasses, sunglasses and reading glasses. Once they are collected to be refurbished they are distributed to people in need. The Clarksburg Lions Club also has a collection box for used eye glasses in the Harrison County Court House and at several other locations in the local area.



Submitted by Lion Al Cox

Jane Lew Lions Club proudly hosted Santa House as part of the annual Jane Lew Christmas Event at Jane Lew Park, welcoming nearly 300 children and adults to a festive, family-friendly celebration. The event featured instant photos with Santa, children's crafts, and unlimited cookies and hot chocolate, creating a warm holiday experience for attendees. Attendance this year was almost



300 participants, with steady year-over-year growth. Activities included instant photos with Santa, engaging children's crafts, and unlimited cookies and hot chocolate. Entertainment guest was Lewie the Lion delighting children and families. Several dedicated members of the Jane Lew Lions Club organized and executed the event with heart and hospitality.



Linda Aman, President, Jane Lew Lions Club stated, "Seeing nearly 300 friends and families come together to celebrate the holiday season fills our hearts with gratitude. Our volunteers pour countless hours into Santa House because we believe in the power of community, shared cheer, and giving back. It's rewarding to watch children light up with joy, knowing we helped create lasting memories for them and their families."

"The Lions Club Santa House Event Chairman, Ray Smith and key volunteers Bill White, photographer assisted by Marissa Aman and Lea Ann Murray, along with Santa helpers Tim Skinner, Sheila Folio, Christy Gatian, Lewie the Lion aide Mike Walker and numerous other Lions are thrilled to



bring this joyful gathering to our community each year,” said Aman. “Our mission is to create a wonderful, family-centered holiday experience while spreading Merry Christmas wishes throughout the community. We’re grateful for the support of all Lion volunteers and families who help make this possible.” The Lions Club notes that attendance continues to rise each year, reflecting the community’s appreciation for this festive tradition and the collaborative spirit that makes it possible. For more information about the Jane Lew Lions Club or to learn how to join and support upcoming events, email us at Lewielion74@gmail.com.

Submitted by President Lion Linda Aman

Clarksburg Lions Club members participated in the Annual Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive held at the Food Court entrance at Meadowbrook Mall on November, 22nd.



Lions manning the kettles and ringing the bells were: Al Cox, Nick Lambernedis, Don Niles and Polly Malick. Warren Wilson served as chairperson of this event.

Submitted by Lion Al Cox

Ring the Bell for Salvation Army – Lion John McDonald organized a team of bell ringers for the Salvation Army Ring the Bell Fundraising Drive. Coordinating with the Salvation Army for this highly important season of giving, Lion John recruited several Lions for the activity; Dave Plume, John Fleagle, Betty Lou Boynton, Marlyn Keeseker, Marty Keeseker and Charlie Davey.



Submitted by Lion Jim Mullen

Jane Lew Lions Club proudly hosted District Governor Greg Greenwalt (District 29I) at our regular meeting held on November 25, 2025, at the Jane Lew Park Building. DG Greenwalt delivered an inspiring address on Lionism, and Ruth Straley, District Governor 29I Emeritus, introduced him to

the club. DG Greenwalt administered the oath of office to our newly elected Club Administrator, Pat Casey. Beth White, Zone 8 Chairwoman, assisted with the ceremony and provided support throughout the meeting. We celebrated the dedication of our members with Service Years awards presented by DG Greenwalt, assisted by Beth White. Recipients:

Bill White
Frank Bragg
Mike Walker
Debby Walker
Jeff Griffin
Anessa Griffith



New Members are Judy Smith, Dick Smith, Lea Ann Murray. Membership sponsor for each was Beth White (Lions Club Membership Chairwoman). Dick Smith and Judy Smith also took their membership oaths, administered by DG Greenwalt.



The meeting concluded with a productive workshop in preparation for the upcoming Club Santa House Event, part of the town of Jane Lew’s Christmas celebration that was held on Saturday, December 6. Where activities include Instant photos with Santa, children’s crafts, hot cocoa, and cookies where admission is Free for all attendees. Santa House is a community favorite and a great opportunity to spread holiday cheer and Lions service.

Submitted by President Lion Linda Aman



“For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:11

Jane Lew Lions Club continued its lasting tradition of participation in the Weston Christmas Parade, held annually on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Lions Sheila Folio and Pat Casey (driver) drove Lewie the Lion (Lion Eliz Vincent) through the parade in Lion Casey's truck. Candy was distributed to spectators along the parade route. The Jane Lew Lions Club participates annually in this event to support and engage with the local community.



Submitted by President Lion Linda Aman

Clarksburg Lions Club members have been serving as division marshals for many years during the annual Veteran's Day Parade sponsored by VFW Post 573. Retired US Army Lieutenant General Robert L. Caslen was the grand marshal.



He was a former Superintendent of the US Military Academy at West Point. Clarksburg Lion volunteers who lined up the parade and helped the participants were: Jason Myers, Polly Malick, Al Cox, Betty Waddy, Nick Lamberndis, Don Niles and Warren Wilson. The day started off below freezing and by parade time at noon, it turned out to be a beautiful chilly day. We want to thank all veterans for their service to our country and are looking forward to next year's parade.



Submitted by Lion Al Cox

Jane Lew Lions Club donated \$1,000 to the Winter Wishes program for Jane Lew Elementary School in Lewis County, WV. Winter Wishes is a

holiday initiative organized by Communities in Schools (CIS) to provide gifts, clothing, and food baskets to local students and families in need. The program is supported by a collaboration of community businesses, churches, and organizations that donate funds, items, and volunteer their time. It operates similarly to an "Angel Tree" program, with selected families receiving support for the Christmas season. The Jane Lew Lions Club is a proud supporter of education in our community. Pictured is "Vickie" Weston Shop and Save Store Manager and Linda Aman, President of Jane Lew Lions Club.

Submitted by President Lion Linda Aman

Clarksburg Lions Club held their second "Old Fashioned Cake Walk" fund raising event at the Harrison County Senior Center on November 7th.



Everyone who attended seemed to have a great time and many won some delicious homemade baked goods. A special thank you to the Lions who baked and contributed the cakes and other baked items to help the Cake Walk a success.

Submitted by Lion Al Cox

Shepherdstown Lions Club is pleased to announce



that Evelyn Groff is the 1st place winner of the 2025 Peace Poster contest. Evelyn, an 8th grade student at Shepherdstown Middle School, perfectly captured this year's theme, "Together As One" in her art work. Congratulations, Evelyn!

Submitted by Lion Effie Kallas

Jane Lew Lions Club proudly honors Lion Beth White for her unwavering determination and dedication in leading a community-wide effort to collect 1,000 pounds of plastic. Her remarkable commitment has earned the organization a TREX bench, set to be placed in Jane Lew Park. The NexTrex bench program is an initiative by Trex that partners with communities, schools, and other organizations. Participants recycle a minimum of 1,000 pounds of plastic film within 12 months to earn a free composite park bench. Eligible materials include plastic bags, bread bags, pallet wrap, and other plastic film. Recyclable items are dropped off at participating retailer locations for recycling into Trex products.



Lion Beth White's leadership and tireless efforts demonstrate the Lions Club's commitment to environmental stewardship and community improvement. The bench will serve as a lasting reminder of what can be achieved when

community members unite for a common cause. The bench will be placed in Jane Lew Park. The bench is a durable, eco-friendly seating option that honors the community's dedication to recycling and sustainability.

Submitted by President Lion Linda Aman

Hedgesville Lions Club members donated and delivered 300 pieces of fried chicken to the



Martinsburg Rescue Mission for their evening meal on

November 10th. Pictured below are Lions Delmar Barrett, Mike Shickle Linda and Bill Ackerman along with a member of the Rescue Mission kitchen staff.

Submitted by Lion Linda Ackerman

Charles Town Lions Club sponsored a "Kidpreneur" for kids ages 6-17 on November 11 at the Lions Center. The even provided an



opportunity for these young inventors to showcase and sell their products. The photo on the left pictures the participants.

Submitted by Lion Vicki Propps

Charles Town Lions Club participated in the "Monster Bash" Halloween event at the Ranson Civic Center on October 24. The wonderful event is an opportunity to bring the community together for a fun time and get to know one another. The photo on the right pictures Lions Brenda Gaskin (left) and Pat Jones (right) along with former Lion Nichelle Hosby (center) manning the club "treat" table.



Submitted by Lion Vicki Propps

Clarksburg Lions Club members, Don Niles and Al Cox screened 67 third graders at Nutter Fort Intermediate School On November 4th. There were 12 students needing referrals to see an eye care professional. Clarksburg Lions along with Nutter Fort Lions conducted 139 eye screenings.



Several more screenings are planned by the club at Emmanuel Christian and Saint

Mary's Grade Schools. Lion Al Cox coordinates the scheduling for the screenings for all the Lions Clubs at Harrison County Schools. Pictured (l-r): Al Cox, School Nurse Lauren Maxwell, Don Niles, Jody Sperry, Coordinator Health Services Harrison County Schools and School Nurse Rhonda Vincent.

Submitted by Lion Al Cox

Clarksburg Lions Club members Don Niles and Al Cox screened 80 sixth graders at Liberty Middle School On October 15th. There were 11 students needing referrals to see an eye care professional. Clarksburg Lions along with Nutter Fort Lions will be conducting eye screenings for third graders at Nutter Fort Intermediate School on November 4. Several more screenings are planned by the club at Emmanuel Christian and Saint Mary's Grade Schools. Lion Al Cox coordinates the scheduling for the screenings for all the Lions Clubs at Harrison County Schools.

Submitted by Lion Al Cox

Clarksburg Lions Club members assisted with Adult Eye Screenings at Health Access in cooperation with the WVU Eye Institute On October 10. The Lions registered clients and handled the co-pays for Health Access. 86 people were screened with 73 getting glasses. Referred for additional care were: 4 for Cataracts and 13 for Diabetic Retinopathy. Volunteer Lions were Betty



Waddy, Judy Labdik, Patty Flanigan, Al Cox and Don Niles. Nutter Fort Lions Ken and Paula Shahan covered the noon-time period because it conflicted with the Clarksburg Lions regular bi-monthly meeting at Brickside. Patty Flanigan chaired this project.

Submitted by Lion Al Cox

Buckhannon-Upshur LEO Club assisted the **Tennerton Lions Club** with their recent pancake breakfast on November 1st. The LEOS waited



tables and were a huge help! The Tennerton Lions Club held their fall pancake breakfast on November 1st. The successful biannual fundraiser will be held again in March, 2026.

Submitted by Secretary Lion Nick Cutright

Tennerton Lions Club provides support. On October 30th, Tennerton Lions Club members helped at the Upshur Parish House to pack break



bags that will be sent home with local students over the upcoming Thanksgiving break.

Submitted by Secretary Lion Nick Cutright

Jane Lew Lions Club participated in the Jane Lew Elementary School's Trunk or Treat event held on October 31st. It was a fun and festive evening for students, families, and local volunteers. So Many Participants!! Lion Pat Casey (Louie Lion); Lion Liz Vincent (Leah Lion); Lion Sheila Folio (Munion); Lion Eli Virden (Donkey from Shrek); Lion Janet Newbrough (as herself); Chelsea Wood (1st grade teacher) dressed as Princess Fiona from Shrek. She is the daughter of Lions Charlie and Michelle Allen.

An assortment of candy and trinkets was distributed to over 100 students. The Lions greeted families, posed for photos, and enjoyed seeing the creativity of the costumes. Thank you to our volunteers:



Your time, enthusiasm, and spirit of service made the event memorable for the kids and community.

Submitted by President Lion Linda Aman

Tennerton Lions Club, Tennerton Lions Club participated in the 3rd annual Broom Pool Tournament on October 30th at Woody's Bowling Center in Buckhannon. The Club sold brooms which were then used as pool cues. President Lion Larry Clever studies his upcoming shot as the tournament participants enjoy the camaraderie and support for the community.



Submitted by Secretary Lion Nick Cutright

Tennerton Lions Club recently presented the Buckhannon-Upshur Middle School Boys



Basketball team with a donation as a way of thanking them for participating in the recent Mark Petrosky Memorial Hunger Walk at the Upshur Parish House.

Submitted by Secretary Lion Nicholas Cutright

Valley District Lions Club member Judy Harder sends a message of care with quilts donated to WVU Medicine Golisano Children's Hospital in Morgantown as a service project for the club. She has been recognized for her prior contributions of quilts to WVU Medicine Golisano Children's Hospital. Her visits included testimonies from children who received their own personal quilt and what it meant to them.



Submitted by Marketing Chair Lion Judy Pratt

Jane Lew Lions Club donated over \$600 in products to The Louis A. Johnson Hospital Patient Service's Homeless Veterans Program, aiding veterans transitioning into housing. They gifted personal hygiene items and essential housing supplies. LIONS Sheila Folio, Eliz Vincent, and Janet Newbrough shopped local Jane Lew Retail for items. Learning that the ladies had shopping carts loaded for homeless veterans, 2 unknown gentlemen in checkout line, graciously donated an additional \$35 from their wallets to apply towards the purchases. The Jane Lew Lions Club firmly believes that no veteran should be without a place to call home and donates annually to this program. We are honored to support the VA's mission to end veteran homelessness. LION Linda Aman delivered the items to the VA hospital. The club gives a heartfelt shout out to the unknown



gentlemen for their cash donation. God Bless the American Veterans.

Pictured is President Lion Linda Aman and Michael White, Louis A Johnson Veterans Volunteer Services Clarksburg, WV.

Submitted by President Lion Linda Aman

Shepherdstown Centennial Lions Club recently held a screening fundraiser of "The Miracle Worker" at the Shepherdstown Opera House. This fun filled event included raffles, door prizes, costumed interpreters, and snacks.



Kneeling: Lion President Pam Boomer, Sandy Brown, Kathy Sholl, Arthena Roper, Cheryl Roberts, Kerry Godfrey and CAFT actress Hope Gundlah.

Standing: Lions Mike Sholl, Velma Green, Angela Burger, Carolyn Rodis, Diane Link, Adam Link, Opera House Proprietor Steve Pierson, Lion Linda Starro, Monroe Burger, & Barbara Burger.

Submitted by Lion Effie Kallas

Jane Lew Lions Club graciously donated \$400 to Jane Lew Harmony Church to support the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry, a global program that collects and delivers gifts to children in need around the world. Harmony Church is partnering with First Baptist Church in Weston to carry out this initiative in our area.

Submitted by President Lion Linda Aman

West Milford Lions Club member Lion Roy Murphy wears many hats. This dedicated Lion, Roy Murphy, attended the MD 29I Fall



Conference October 3-5 and then shows up on October 5th for the West Milford Car Show as a judge for the event. If someone tells you "I'm too busy to be a Lion," Roy is proof that there's always time to do what you want to do. Roy, the Vice President of the West Milford Lions Club, is



relatively new to Lions, but has taken his role as a Lion member to heart. He definitely provides a service to his club and his community. All we can say is, "You roar, Roy!"

Submitted by Zone 9 Chair Lion Beth White

Lost Creek Lions Club and **Johnstown Lions Club** held a joint District Governor's Night on October 8th with a full house in attendance to visit with District Governor, Greg Greenwalt, from Moorefield, WV. Lion Steve Hicks, Past President of the Lost Creek Lions, received the prestigious International



President's Certificate of Appreciation. This award is the fourth highest award presented to Lions, and is in recognition of distinguished achievements in fulfilling the Mission of Lion Clubs International. Steve received this award for retention of Lions members in his club, gaining the appreciation and gratitude of the Association. It is presented by



District Governor Greg Greenwalt on behalf of the International President, Fabricio

Oliveira. DG Greg had the honor of presenting membership awards. Linda Martin received a 10 year membership award (left picture). Ron Watson received a 25 year award, while Past President and current Secretary Greg Wriston (right picture) received a 40 year award.



DG Greg also shared some of his experiences at the International Convention in Orlando, Fl. He stressed the importance of using the Lion's Portal and reporting of all clubs. He commended the clubs for their continued participation in the communities they serve.

Submitted by Zone 9 Chair Lion Beth White

West Milford Lions Club President Hilda Clutter received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation Award on October 13th recognized for her efforts in membership retention and adding new members This award is for



recognition given by the International President, Fabricio Oliveira to a member for performing significant service to the association. Pictured left to right: Beth White, Zone 9 Chair and President Hilda Clutter.

Submitted by Zone 9 Chair Lion Beth White

West Milford Lions Club welcomed new member, Cherie Queen, during their October 13th regular meeting. Pictured left to right: Beth White, Zone 9 Chair; Vice President, Roy Murphy; who sponsored Cherie and President Hilda Clutter.

Submitted by Zone 9 Chair Lion Beth White

West Milford Lions Club held their Annual Car Show, BBQ Dinner and Basket raffle at the West Milford Community Building October 5th. Everyone had a great time, great food and fellowship as shown in the top left picture! In the top right picture, Pam Rudder, Treasurer Bruce Clutter, Tail Twister Cathy Exline and Pat Murphy worked hard making sure no one left hungry. The BBQ and hot dogs were superb with all the sides to compliment the entrees.

In the middle pictures, Co-Membership Chairs, Cassidy Fox and Kelly Fox, sold tickets for the beautiful raffle baskets. Tables were full with baskets to choose from, beautifully packaged and hard to resist. There was something for everyone! They also handed out information about joining the Lions Club and explaining how the West Milford Lions serve their community, answering any questions and inviting others to serve with them. Also shown are Steve Fox and Vice President Roy Murphy viewing the entries of the Car Show. There were rows of cars, from antique to vintage, all spruced up and glistening in the beautiful sunny day. Vice President Roy was one of the judges for the event.

In the bottom photos, Jeff Barnhart and President Hilda Clutter pose by the beautiful trophies presented that evening for the Car Show. Patrons enjoyed the day, listening to music, meeting friends



and supporting the Lions Club in their service to the West Milford Community.

Submitted by Zone 9 Chair Lion Beth White

Jane Lew Lions Club donated \$500 to the annual Thanksgiving food drive supporting Our Neighbor, a nonprofit food and ministry program in Weston, WV. The Jane Lew Lions Club donates all proceeds from fundraisers back into the community. Every dollar raised is reinvested to support local programs, services, and initiatives that benefit residents of Jane Lew and the surrounding area. Lions International site, youth, diabetes and disaster relief campaigns are also supported. The club is committed to transparency and accountability, sharing impact updates with members and the community. Pictured is Mike Walker, Jane Lew Lions Club Executive Board Member presenting donation check to Shonda Hicks, Our Neighbor Staff.



Submitted by President Lion Linda Aman

Shepherdstown Centennial Lions Club recently collected over 30 lbs of donated eyeglasses and hearing aids. These items will be cleaned, repaired, and given to those in need.



The public is invited to drop their unwanted glasses and hearing aids in designated boxes at the Blue Moon Cafe or Jefferson

Security Bank in Shepherdstown. For more information contact the Lions at: sheplionsclub@gmail.com or Facebook.

Submitted by Lion Effie Kallas

Jane Lew Lions Club Pit Beef Dinner was held on October 12th at the Jane Lew Community Center. Delicious roast beef was cooked in a pit for signature flavor. The crowd this year was so large that the dinner sold out early. Raffle Winners were Hunting Rifle Winner: Okey Bragg and Basket of Spirits Winner: Mary Ellen Bragg (Mrs. Bragg has now won for three consecutive years.). The Jane



Lew Lions Club is profoundly grateful for the community's ongoing support. Your involvement — whether through donations, volunteering, or simply sharing our mission — enables us to provide critical services and programs that strengthen our town. Thank you for standing with us as we serve those in need.

Submitted by President Lion Linda Aman

Jane Lew Lions Club members volunteered on October 10th at the Jane Lew Elementary School Fall Bash. Lions Beth White, Mike Walker, Tim



Skinner, Linda Aman and Robin Skinner served in chaperone assignments throughout the event. The “Haunted House” was the highlight of the Bash, with

students eagerly lining up to take part. Lion Debby Walker assisted the Lewis County ROTC students in lining up the students into small groups to be escorted to the Haunted House.

Lions Sheila Folio, Liz Vincent, and Eli Virden greeted



the students at the entrance and throughout the haunted house in scary costumes, helping to set the

spooky atmosphere as they passed through the venue. The Haunted House drew enthusiastic participation from students and added a memorable moment to the Bash. The collaboration with the Lewis County ROTC helped ensure smooth and organized transitions for the student groups.



Submitted by President Lion Linda Aman

Shepherdstown Centennial Lions Club announces its newest member, Carolyn Rodis. By becoming a Lion, Carolyn is

joining the world's largest service organization. At 1.4 million strong and with 49,000 clubs in over 200 countries, the Lions ROAR their motto: “We Serve”. Welcome Carolyn!



Submitted by Lion Effie Kallas

Tennerton Lions Club participated in the Mark Petrosky Memorial Hunger Walk on September 27th



and won the Pack the Pantry competition by collecting the most food items — 243, claiming victory over our civic rivals, the Rotarians.

Submitted by Secretary Lion Nick Cutright

Lost Creek Lions Club participated again this year in the Annual Lost Creek Community Festival on September 20th which is always well attended and brings Lions from surrounding areas. Many of the



participants who were setting up for the festival also enjoyed the Lions Club Pancake Fundraiser Breakfast, along with many other local patrons. The club also had a booth set up for a gun raffle, for

a BAR MK .308 Winchester rifle, which was well attended. Selling Lost Creek gun raffle tickets at the Festival are (top): Lion Steve Hicks, Lion Virgil McNemar, Treasurer Lion Rob Felton; and President Davey Wriston. In the bottom right picture (L to R) is Lost Creek Lion Linda Martin, Clarksburg Lion Patsy Trecost and Richard McClain. President Davey Wriston gladly sells a raffle ticket to Beth White, Jane Lew Lion, Zone 9 Chair.

Submitted by Zone 9 Chair Lion Beth White

East Lewis Lions Club has had a long tradition of holding an Elimination Dinner, as a fundraiser for funding their many service projects. This year the dinner was held on September 20th at West Hall, in Weston. It was, as always, a packed house with wonderful appetizers, a lasagna dinner and



desserts. There was no way you would go away from this event hungry. Everyone had a great evening of food, fun and fellowship!

Submitted by Zone 9 Chair Lion Beth White

Lost Creek Lions Club members show that serving in Lions Club is important, but Zone 9 Lions also have fun! Lions come in all shapes and sizes! To prove that point, the president of the Johnstown Lion club, Larry Smith; and Dave Oliverio, Lost Creek Lion; pose to show the..."long and short of it all," sharing a laugh at the Lost Creek Community Festival, September 20th.



Submitted by Zone 9 Chair Lion Beth White

Johnstown Lions Club held their Fall Festival last weekend, but joined in with the Lost Creek Fall Festival the very next weekend, with a booth raising more funds for their service projects. There was a



plethora of items. From play balls, swim floats, flip flops, water guns, a fondue kit, and other sundries, there was something for everyone! Pictured is President, Larry Smith, Lion Wayne Lewis, and Secretary, Keith Marple.

Submitted by Zone 9 Chair Lion Beth White

Tennerton Lions Club completed their semi-annual litter pick up on sections of the Tallmansville and Lick Run Roads on September 26th as part of the Adopt-a-Highway Program. Club members collected 12 bags of litter.



Submitted by Secretary Lion Nick Cutright

Martinsburg Lions Club provided SPOT Vision Screening at the Trinity Temple Church of God Community Health Fair in Martinsburg on September 20th. While providing SPOT vision screening, club members shared

much information to many patrons that attended the event. The club provided vision screening to 10 children and 9 adults. From these individuals, 3 children and 4 adults were referred for corrective vision needs. Additionally, the patrons of



the event were informed of the club's wide varieties of community support fundraising efforts and distributed several applications for eyeglasses and/or eye exams. Lion Dave Plume uses the SPOT screening instrument to measure the vision of a community fair patron. Lion Dave, along with Lion Charlie, is also pictured at the LIONS pop up providing information about Lions Clubs to patrons interested in the club's efforts.

Submitted by Lion Jim Mullen

Martinsburg Lions Club members Eight Lions travelled to Virginia on September 27th to participate in the sorting, cleaning, prescription analysis and packaging of used eyeglasses to be distributed throughout the world. Eight members



joined Lion Greg Hart of the **Clarke County Lions Club** who trained and supported the group through the entire process. To

begin, club members delivered 513 pairs of glasses to add to the many thousands waiting to be processed. We cleaned, sorted, and packaged hundreds of glasses with approximately 178 pairs measured, labeled with the prescription of the lenses and packaged for shipping. Several



hundred glasses were rejected in the analysis process. This may be due to lens scratches, types of lenses or other attributes. But, these eyeglasses are also collected and shipped to a frame recovery process. These 'rejected' eyeglasses provide some financial support to the program. Lion Al



Darlington of the **Harpers Ferry Bolivar Lions Club** joined the 7 Martinsburg Lions. Lion Al is washing glasses in the sink, while Lion John

dries and makes the first analysis for acceptance to further processing. Two teams of Lions (Nicole with Elaine and Marty with

Marlyn) use the instruments to grade the prescriptions. Then packaging is performed. Lion Greg is pictured in the foreground of the top picture preparing glasses while Lion John sorts them into the shipping boxes. The team enjoyed the processing and many hours of camaraderie knowing the end result is a recovery of sight for those in need throughout the world.

Submitted by Lion Jim Mullen

Shepherdstown Centennial Lions Club conducted an eye screening for the students at CW Shipley Elementary School on September 18th.



Approximately 80 students were screened by club members. About 20% were referred to a professional eye

doctor for a follow up appointment. Smiling below Lions Kerri, Cheryl, Erin, and Velma conducted the screenings.

Submitted by Lion Effie Kallas

Tennerton Lions Club members sold mops, brooms, dish cloths, and raffle tickets as part of the Tennerton UMC's Fall Fest on September 20th.



Submitted by Secretary Lion Nick Cutright

Philippi Lions Club recently teamed up with our local American Legion Post #44 to host monthly Bingo. The Legion has lost many members and was on the verge of closure. The new Commander got in touch with us asking for help to get Bingo started as a fundraiser for both organizations. The Lions Club sells food and drinks and helps with other activities as needed. While it hasn't been a big moneymaker, it has been a fun community activity, giving both organizations some exposure.



Pictured: Lion Phyllis Deffet, Lions Larry McGill, President Chasity McGill, Lion Miriam Rice, Lion Debbie Williams, Legion Member Mike Rexroad, Lion Millard Minor, American Legion Commander Jason Steerman and Lion Sandy Spotloe.

Submitted by Lion Tina Mouser

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NEXSTEP BROOM SALES CLUBS

Does your club sell NexStep Brooms?

Let me know club and contact information so we can build an outreach advertising program.

Martinsburg Lions Club

West Milford Lions Club

Bridgeport Lions Club

(see Lion Ben Sandy-304-476-4994)

Bruceton Community Lions Club

available at: Clear Mountain Bank in Bruceton Mills

Nutter Fort Lions Club

Stonewood Lions Club

Shinnston Lions Club

Salem Lions Club

Jane Lew Lions Club

Lewis County Lions Club

Phillipi Lions Club

Broom Sales Club? Send information to:

LIONS29newsletter@yahoo.com

Yours In Service Lion Jim Mullen

Tennerton Lions Club sells "Skilcraft" mops and brooms from Greensboro, North Carolina

On Saturday, December 20 the Shepherdstown Centennial Lions Club will host a "Breakfast with Santa", at the Blue Moon Cafe in Shepherdstown.

Bring your camera and appetite to enjoy a hot pancake breakfast and photos with Santa. Breakfast will be served 8:00 - 11:00am. Adults (13 & older) - \$10, Children (4-12) - \$5, Children (3 & under) - free.

Proceeds to benefit Shepherdstown Elementary and Middle School.

The Shepherdstown Centennial Lions Club will offer free gift wrapping on December 23 from 11:00 am - 5:00pm. Simply bring your purchases to Evolve (106 W. German Street, Shepherdstown) and we'll take care of the rest. For more information contact us at: sheplionsclub@gmail.com

Hey 29I Clubs!!! Gotta Facebook Page?

Let's add YOUR link HERE.

LIONS International President Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/LionsPresident/>

Bridgeport Lions Club

<https://www.facebook.com/BridgeportWVLions>

Bruceton Community Lions Club

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1ACpqtTXPe/?mbextid=wwXIfr>

Jane Lew Lions Club

<https://www.facebook.com/janelewlions>

Lions Club of Philippi

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100080302220625>

Martinsburg Lions Club

<https://www.facebook.com/people/Martinsburg-Lions-Club/100090828093349/>

Nutter Fort Lions Club

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100070665231110>

Tennerton Lions Club

<https://www.facebook.com/tennertonlc/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1304046457018744>

See what we're up to!

If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain.

How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?

Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.

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

P. O. Box 594

Moorefield, WV 26836

Phone: (c) (304) 703-5310

EMAIL: ggreenwalt@hardynet.com

*I will confirm the date after it is scheduled on my calendar -
Thank you.*