



# DISTRICT 29-L (WV/USA) AUGUST 2024 Newsletter

**David Roberts**  
District Governor



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Good day to you Fellow Lions!

Today is an exciting day, the first day of a new year of being a Lion. Lions are members of a special group of people that are dedicated to making their communities a better place to live and work. Each time we contribute to our community we make an impact that also improves our state and our country. Each time we give of ourselves the positive impact affects far more than we can ever know; but what I do know is that each time we work together we can make a difference for “That One”.

“That One” may be the one who needs glasses to see their grandchildren, which keeps them safe; it may be the teacher that received a note we sent to encourage them to have a good day; it might be the contribution to a pediatric cancer center that goes to research stemming a new drug trial that helped a child. All those “ones” have the power to impact so many, just as we have the power to impact our communities.

Today is the day we begin together to make a difference for “That One”. I am excited that you have decided to join our new year of service. I am looking forward to learning what kinds of projects, special events or community assistance or your club is doing, starting, or continuing. I can be reached by emailing me at [parkersburgbenefits@cascable.net](mailto:parkersburgbenefits@cascable.net). You can call or text me at 304-482-2410 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Together we can make a difference for “That One”!

Roar Lions!

David Roberts,  
District Governor 29L



***“We made a difference for “that one”!***

## Multiple District Council Meeting

Lions from around the state gathered on July 28th for the first Multiple District Council Meeting for the 2024-2025 Lion year . The MD 29 Policy Manual and the Convention Policy Manual were approved but will be revised due to passage of new governing principles passed at the International Convention. The revised manuals will be brought back to the MD 29 Council for approval. State convention chairperson PCC Pete Johnson gave the final report for the MD 2023 State Convention.

The following MD 29 Chairpersons for 2024-2025 Lion year were announced:

Global Membership	Gary Pitcock
Global Leadership	PID Steve Glass
Global Service	Lion Renee Douthitt
LCIF	PCC John Mason
Constitution & By-Laws	PID Steve Glass
Protocol	PID Bob Browning
IT/Webmaster	Lion Kathy Syphers
WVLSCF	PCC Pete Johnson
LWVLR	PCC Carla Finch
Blind & Deaf Recreation	PCC Barbara Fishel
Romney Student Work	Lion Roy Knight
Youth Camps & Exchange	Lion Henry Krautwurst
LEO	Lion Brendan Byrne
WVPDGA	PCC John Mason
International Convention	(WVPDGA will appoint)
MD 29 2024 Convention	PID Steve Glass



**Lions have  
BIG HEARTS.**  
Working together for a  
better community & world.



Approval was also given to purchase a zoom account for each District to be used for Lions club business. The District Governor has first use of the account along with the GAT Team. Clubs can request use of the zoom account for club use through the District Governor.

Lion Lori Roberts took up a challenge from PID Steve Glass to get definition regarding disaster relief, emergency contacts and ways to assist / contact. Lion Lori worked with the state as well as contacting each of the 55 counties to create a packet for each District Governor. The packets are still in draft form but should be completed and ready for each district in the coming weeks. Her hard work is greatly appreciated.

We were also privileged to hear Kelton Boblits, guest speaker at the Past District Governors Luncheon. He is current Vice-President of the University of Charleston Lions Club. He spoke about the difference that the Lions club made for him: the way that the ability to serve has made an impact for him, how it has made an impact for those he serves with, and how it has made an impact on those he serves.

We also got to assist Jordan Miller, a scout with Troup 17 of Scott Depot, with his eagle scout project of providing personal care bags for veterans. It was a wonderful experience.

These extraordinary young men really reinforce my belief, which is my theme for this year: Together We Can Make a Difference For "That One".

Dave Roberts, District Governor



(Left) Kelton Boblits,  
Univ. of Charleston  
Campus Lions Club VP

(Right) Jordan Miller,  
Scout Troup 17, Scott  
Depot



(Right) IPDGs: Kermit Hauley,  
Rhonda Smith, and Dan  
Heintzman receiving DG  
Appreciation Plaques for  
their services during 2023-24.  
DG Jeff Finch accepting for  
PCC Carla Finch, who was  
unable to attend.





# Melbourne 2024

106TH LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

**FABRICIO OLIVEIRA**  
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT  
2024 - 2025



Slogan & Logo for the Lionistic Year 2024-25  
**HAPPY**




**INTERNATIONAL PARADE:** Pictured above (L to R): Lion Rachel & PID Larry Johnson, DG Kim Mason, DG Jeff Finch, Lion Lori and DG Dave Roberts, PDG Wendy Cain (1st Lady Lion of the Mt Olivet Lions Club)



Lions PID Larry Johnson, DG David Roberts 29L, PIPresident Al Brindel



DG David Roberts and PIPresident Jimmy Ross



WV DGs having their ribbons pulled by their spouses: Lori/Dave Roberts (L), John/Kim Mason (I), Carla/Jeff Finch (C)



DG Dave and Lion First Lady Lori Roberts

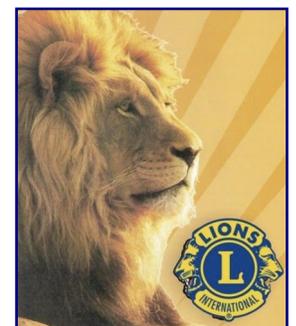
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What does it mean to Make Your Mark? It means stepping up in our clubs and our communities and changing lives. It means amplifying the voices that may go unheard. It means showing the world that Lions care and we are here to stay.”

Fabricio Oliveira  
2024-2025  
Lions International President





MD29 Governors with PDG Wendy Cain, Group Leader for the DGE Seminars



## The Role of the MD Global Leadership Team Coordinator

*What's it all about? What's his role? What are his plans?*

**By Past International Director Steve Glass**

When you carefully review the duties of this position as articulated by Lions International (Rev.7/1/2023), you will find fifteen bulleted items under the section on Actions for Success. I personally find this language pretty daunting in its scope so I have decided to boil it all down for you into six main functions that I feel are important enough to focus on this year and that will ensure a positive net membership growth for our multiple district, which will allow us to meet the goal of Mission 1.5 and allow us to **Make Your Mark!**

Those functions are as follows:

**Training** (who? when? and at what level? - From club officers through to current district governors

**Communication** (what and with whom?) – Most importantly, with club leaders, zone chairpersons, and newer Lions. It goes without saying that district leadership and Global Action Team members must be in the information loop.

**Reporting** (what and to whom?) - Learning opportunities, what's in the Lions Learning Center, and reporting successes in Learn

**Identifying** (Who) – Lions with leadership potential who demonstrate an aptitude and desire for leadership positions

**Promoting** (What?) – leadership opportunities, training events, online learning tools, and LI sponsored seminars and institutes.

**Maintaining** (what and where?) – calendar of events. leadership development tools and resources, and informational articles of interest and use for Lions at all levels, which will be maintained on our multiple district and district web sites.

I wanted to use this first article to introduce myself as your multiple district global leadership team coordinator, give you some idea of my expectations of the role, share my goals for the year with you and invite your input.

I have three simple goals for this year: 2024-2025:

- 1) Improve communication across Multiple District 29 among all stakeholders at all levels regarding the challenges that we have in leadership development.
- 2) Enhance the promotion of leadership development training events, both for in-person and facilitator led events, that would enhance West Virginia Lions leadership skills and provide them encouragement.
- 3) Increase the number of Lions within the multiple district who are willing to take on higher leadership roles as part of a sound succession plan for each district.

Over the next five months I will offer an article on each of the following five critical areas of membership function:

Orientation    Membership Recruitment    Membership Retention  
Extension                      Leadership Development

I'll leave you this month with one of my favorite quotes from Stephen F. Covey on his definition of leadership: "**Leadership is communicating to people their worth and potential so clearly that they come to see it in themselves.**" This must be our ultimate mission as district and multiple district leaders!

**PDG BERNICE PITCOCK,  
DISTRICT  
LEADERSHIP CHAIR**

Zone Chair training and general Officer training are currently in process in person.

Zoom Officer training will be held on Wednesday, August 14 at 6 pm – please email me at [bpit@comcast.net](mailto:bpit@comcast.net) if you wish to receive the link for the training.

ZOOM Zone training will be held Thursday, August 15 at 6pm. I will send the link to the Zone Chairs who have not been trained in person – you are expected to attend, please!!

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**The OFFICIAL  
Facebook page is:  
“District 29L Lions 2024-25”**

**and a group page is:  
“District 29L Lions 2024-25  
Group”.**

If you wish to have your service activities/fundraisers posted to these sites, please send them to me at Bernice Pitcock. I will not be trolling your posts for your activities. Any concerns, please contact me at [bpit@comcast.net](mailto:bpit@comcast.net).

Also, newsletter editor, Lion Phyllis Amrhein is asking that you send anything you would like to be in the newsletter to be sent to her at [pamrhein25@att.net](mailto:pamrhein25@att.net) – she also will not go fishing for newsletter content.

Thank you for your understanding.

Let's get moving Lions –

it's time to “Make Your Mark” in 2024-25!!



**PDG Gary Pitcock,  
District GMT Coordinator**

Membership is the life blood of our District and we have to address it ASAP. With that, I am relying on each and every one of you to help. The Global Action Team (GAT) has it cut out for us.

I will be sending you information in the coming weeks. I also will be addressing the Zone Chairs for input and to include them as a part of the GMT Team. If you have any ideas, please feel free to send them to me. Every month I will present new ideas for recruiting that you can use. I can be contacted at: 304-797-8374 OR gary.pitcock1@comcast.net

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Gary

### Recruiting Wheel

The recruiting wheel is an effective method to compile lists of people who could be invited to join your club.

Distribute this page at a regular meeting. For each of the categories on the wheel, have an experienced Lion ask: "Who is the one?"

Example: Who is the one relative you feel would like to contribute to improving the community? Give your members a brief time to think about their choices and fill in the Build a Lions Network form as thoroughly as possible.



\* May include but is not limited to elected officials, school principals, police and fire chiefs and hospital administrators.

\*\* May include but not limited to doctors, accountants, dentists, lawyers and bankers.



**Lion Amy Houser,  
District Environmental Chair**

## **Adopt-A-Highway/ Adopt a River or Stream**

Two suggestions for your club's environmental project are activities that are both popular and fun! They are also excellent opportunities to invite those folks who may become potential members. These two programs are conducted by two different WV agencies but have similar goals: to keep our highways, trails and rivers & streams clean of litter.

The Adopt-A-Highway Program is co-sponsored by the Division of Highways and the Department of Environmental Protection, REAP Program. It was established in the late 1980s to improve the quality of the state's environment by encouraging public involvement in the elimination of highway litter. The program offers volunteers the opportunity to take charge of their own environment by making a positive effort to create a cleaner, more aesthetic place in which to live.

Anyone who is at least 12 years old may participate. Any road that is maintained by the Division of Highways is eligible for adoption, with the exception of Interstates and roads deemed unsafe. Volunteers may select a road to adopt and then have it approved by the local Division of Highways office, or they may ask DOH to suggest an adoptable road. Country lanes, dirt roads and routes off the beaten path, as well as major routes, may be adopted. Adopted roads must be at least two miles long.

Adoptions are for a period of two years, during which time three cleanups are required per year. As volunteers pick up litter, bags that have been filled are placed on roadsides for removal and disposal by the Division of Highways. Garbage bags, safety vests, safety training, traffic warning signs, and gloves are furnished by the state.

For more information, visit [Dep.wv.gov](http://Dep.wv.gov). The website also has information about  
Recycling and waste reduction  
Tire collection events  
Adopt-A-Stream  
WV Make it Shine program and events

An additional source is the WV National Parks Service and their Adopt-A-Stream program. Their program appears to be centered around large and popular rivers such as the New River at the New River Gorge, for example. Visit [www.NPS.gov](http://www.NPS.gov) for more information. You can also search their website or local state parks' Facebook page for announcements of upcoming river or trail clean up events.

**Lets Keep West Virginia Clean!**

## Williamstown Lions Club



The Williamstown Lions Club held their annual 4th of July “Flags for Heroes” Program, with the Honor Guard from the American Legion and the local scout troop participating in the dedication program.

In addition, their 4th of July Pancake Breakfast was held at Tomlinson Park with several community members attending.



The photo to the left is the Williamstown Parks and Rec Council Chair cutting the yellow ribbon on the playground that the Williamstown Lions Club donated to the city using proceeds from the “Flags for Heroes” project.

## NEW CUMBERLAND LIONS CLUB

The Installation of Officers was conducted by PDG Gary Pitcock. The officers for the 2024-2025 year are: Pres. Sally Greathouse; 1st VP Jeanne Cox; 2nd VP Cole Young; Treasurer Alan Lee; Secy Jeanne Cox; Lion Tamers Jim Gillespie, Jim Wells, Alan Lee; Directors Ed Fields, Don Deemer, Bill Greathouse, Joyce Young, Betsy Wells.



Pictured: PDG Gary Pitcock with incoming president Sally Greathouse.. Zone Chair John Porco seated..



Hope you enjoy the 29-L Monthly Newsletter, and want to share your club's activities and/or upcoming events here. Send any/all information you want to include by the **20th of each month to:**

[pamrhein25@att.net](mailto:pamrhein25@att.net)

Only information received in this e-mail will be entered in the newsletter. If you currently use other social media to report activities, also include this e-mail in the address line. This will save you both time and effort.



At the June meeting, PDG Bernice Pitcock presented Leonard Jarrett Awards to 2nd VP and incoming Secretary Jeanne Cox and Lion Tamer Jim Gillespie.

Both are well deserved!

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

Thanks again to our Lion volunteers who endured the heat and humidity: Rich Zumer, Shauna Andrews, Jeanette Hess, Don Deemer, Cole Young, Joyce Young, Sally Greathouse, Bill Greathouse, John Ashcraft, Jim Gillespie, Cindy Skerbetz, Bob McNeil, Charles Mitchell, Peggy Lee, Betsy Wells and Jim Wells. Also, thank you to Warren Wright for the use of his roasters.

Our next event is July 27 (August is still TBD). The Riverfest is September 28-29. As always, we use the proceeds from these events to support the local community. We appreciate your support and welcome your feedback.

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## FRIENDLY LIONS CLUB

On July 9, IPDG Dan Heintzman and Lion Betsy George screened 21 children at Tyler Consolidated High School as part of the Boys and Girls Club.

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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Morgantown and Westover Lions Clubs have now officially merged into the **Morgantown Area Lions Club**.. Congratulations as you begin your service to the Morgantown area.

## Mt Olivet Lions Club

Lion Sandy Schafer was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship recently by the Mt. Olivet Lions. Pictured below with Lion Sandy are Immediate Past President, Connie Wright, and PDG Paul Amrhein.



# Barboursville Lions Club

Lion Lib Ciccolella presented donations to the following groups on behalf of the Barboursville Lions Club:



Patty Dickey is accepting a donation of \$400 for use at Greater Babroursville Community Outreach Program



Kelli Jordan, Principal of the Village of Barboursville Elem. School receives a donation of \$1,000 for student achievement throughout the school year.

## Barboursville Lions Club Pickleball Fundraiser

**3 divisions of Round Robin Play:**

- Beginner
- Intermediate
- Advanced

Games to 10 minutes or 15 points  
**PRIZES** for top performers in each division

Contest Prizes!

**\$10 Skills Contest** (serving, returning, 3<sup>rd</sup> shot drop)  
**\$5 Dink Contest**  
**Player Auction**

**\$20** Registration Fee  
 CALL/TEXT Mindy Backus  
 304-417-3279

**August 10, 2024**  
**Skills Contest begins at 9:00**  
**Round Robin Play follows Skills Contest**

**Registration Deadline: Aug 7, 2024**

**Barboursville Park Courts**  
**Park Rd,**  
**Barboursville, WV 25504**



Financial Director, Joe Crutcher, accepts the donation of \$1,000 for the Veteran Home located in Barboursville.



Branch Manager of the Barboursville Library, Linda LaRue, accepted the donation of \$600 for the Summer Reading Program.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM LCI**

### **RE: Melvin Jones Fellowship Plaques**



The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) is the backbone of our foundation. Presented to those who donate US\$1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others, it's a tremendous contribution to humanity and to the legacy of our founder, Melvin Jones.

### **About the Melvin Jones Fellowship**

Contributions for the MJF can be made by individuals (including non-Lions), clubs or districts. Donations may be in one sum or in installments. Melvin Jones Fellows receive a special lapel pin, a plaque and a congratulatory letter.

**To confirm available credits, please contact Donor Assistance via email at [DonorAssistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:DonorAssistance@lionsclubs.org) or 1-630-203-3836**

It's possible to make a donation and choose the MJF recipient later. Write "Melvin Jones Fellow to be named later" on the check or bank draft. When an individual's or group's personal donation(s) are accumulated for a club's or district's use to select a Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient, LCIF needs the signed consent. Please include such documentation with the completed MJF application that is sent to LCIF Donor Services. For further Melvin Jones Fellowship contributions or inquiries, contact Donor Services at 630-203-3836 or [DonorAssistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:DonorAssistance@lionsclubs.org).

### **Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships**

The Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) program is a way for donors to extend their commitment to LCIF. There are 54 recognition levels beyond the initial US\$1,000 MJF contribution with a unique pin for each giving level. After contributing US\$100,000, donors become Humanitarian Partners.

To order replacement pins or to make a PMJF donation, contact Donor Services at 630-203-3836 or [DonorAssistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:DonorAssistance@lionsclubs.org). Prices for pin replacements vary by level.



**LCI is currently updating their donation processes and technology to serve you better. Due to this transition, you may experience a delay in the fulfillment of recognition items. They appreciate your understanding and patience.**

**Applications: Contact District Administrator, PDG Ramona Sago @ 304-662-6265 or [rsago1959@gmail.com](mailto:rsago1959@gmail.com)**

## One Person Can Make a Difference

One morning a man walked along a beach covered with thousands of starfish that had washed up during a storm. Now they lay dying in the sun.

He saw a young girl picking up the starfish one by one and tossing them into the sea. As he approached her he couldn't help but ask,

"Why bother? There are too many of them.

You won't make much of a difference."

She picked up another starfish and tossed it into the water. Then she turned to the man and said,

"I made a difference to that one."

Thanks for Making  
a Difference Every Day

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 5-7	USA/Canada Forum in Louisville, Kentucky
Sept 27-29	District 29I Conference in Berkley Springs, WV
Oct 19-20	District 29C Conference in South Charleston, WV
Oct 20	2 <sup>nd</sup> Council of Governors Meeting , South Charleston, WV
Jan 24-26	WV Lions Leadership Retreat in Flatwoods, WV

### UPCOMING EVENT IN DISTRICT 29L

Aug 24@ Noon	Cabinet Meeting, Boaz Lions Club House, Boaz , WV
Aug 24	District 29L PDG Meeting, Boaz, WV (after cabinet meeting)
Sep 14	District 29L PDG Meeting, time and place TBA

**(DG David is currently updating his calendar and asks clubs to contact him as soon as possible (304-482-2410) to arrange their official club visit.)**

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