

DISTRICT 29I NEWSLETTER

August 2026



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Hi Fellow Lions,

I noticed posts about Lowe's Bucket Brigades in Bridgeport, Buckhannon, and Clarksburg. There may be others, like grocery stores, Home Depots, Hardware stores, etc.

I'd like each of you to reach out to members of your clubs to identify people who should be recognized for their support to their communities in these times of need. That includes retailers, EMS, local leaders, and others! I'd like short back-story paragraphs about what they did, and how they did it

Then, I'd like to see a LOT of Hearts of Service coins and certificates awarded to those people by local Lions clubs. We have coins! We have certificate templates. See the attachments for pictures of coin front and back in their sleeve and the coin certificate template at the end of this newsletter.

Recommended procedure is to invite the recipient to a club meeting, have the presenter read or tell about why this person is deserving, and then present them with the coin and the certificate. I usually fill out the template (using powerpoint), print it out on certificate paper, have the appropriate people (presenter and club president or other officials) sign it, and place it in a frame for presentation. If you'd like to use another template or certificate wording, have at it! Grip and Grin photos along with reasons why this was awarded to the recipient should be submitted to local newspaper(s) and sent to Jim Mullen for inclusion in District Newsletter!

While we're struggling to help our fellow WV citizens recover from the floods, let's not forget to recognize those who go above and beyond!

February 13th through 21st 2027 – Youth Services Week

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

Yours in Service to Our Communities,
Lion Gray Jones
District Governor, 29I
LionGrayJones@gmail.com
(304) 707-5049

Calendar of Events

October 8th thru 18th 2026 – Vision Services Week

October 17th 2026 – District 29I Fall Conference @ Benedum Civic Center in Bridgeport (stay tuned for more information)

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

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**

**“ROOTED IN SERVICE” By
FVDG Diana Bedell**



“Like a mighty oak, Lions are rooted in purpose and service. Our strength comes not from standing alone, but from the help, hope and care we provide others. Service is the soil in which we grow – our roots run deep, our impact endures and our work is built to last for generations.” Mark Lyons, International President

As most of you know by now, “Rooted in Service” is IP Mark Lyons’ theme for the 2026-2027 Lions year. The “service” component is what drew me to join Lions ten years ago. People come and go, but there is always a project to be accomplished and people to serve.

The 29-I leadership team just held its first Cabinet meeting on August 8 and what an energetic and dynamic group we have. Everyone is hard at work, and many are “serving” their nearby communities of Weston and Buckhannon which were hit by a July 21 flood. I want to personally thank Lion Wayne Worth, the 29-I Disaster Relief Chair, Lion Beth White, the District Service Chair and Lion Roy Murphy, LCIF chair for helping DG Gray pull our team together in helping our neighbors at this crucial time. DG Gray also applied for and received an LCIF Emergency Relief Grant to help purchase much needed supplies for those in need in the affected areas. Relief work will continue for a while.

I have heard that we have gained several new club members in the district by virtue of the flood relief work done thus far. We have been fortunate to have many friends of Lions join us during our efforts. Service to our communities is a great marketing tool and encourages folks to join in.

I want to encourage each of you to sign up and attend two particular events that we have on the horizon. Saturday, October 17 is the District Fall Conference in Bridgeport – a one-day event featuring workshops and lunch for a cost of \$25. A copy of the registration form is included within this newsletter.

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

encourage all GAT team members, zone chairs and cabinet members to District Governor Lion Gray contribute articles to the district newsletter by sending information to Lion



First Vice District Governor
Lion Diana Bedell with We

Jim Mullen at Lions29newsletter@yahoo.com Continue to Roar Loudly and Be Rooted in Service as we
Serve our Communities!

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Diana



DISTRICT 29 I FALL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 17, 2026 10 A.M. TO
4 P.M.
THE BENEDUM CIVIC CENTER
164 WEST MAIN ST.
BRIDGEPORT, WV.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Club _____ District _____

Cost: \$25- Saturday all day includes: LUNCH: **PLEASE CHOOSE ONE MAIN COURSE**

___ITALIAN SAUSAGE/PEPPERS OR ___BAKED STEAK

MEAL INCLUDES: SCALLOP POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, SALAD, FRUIT & VEGGIE TRAY, DRINKS *If
anyone has special dietary needs please list them: _____

EVENTS: Saturday- DOOR PRIZES, lunch entertainment, seminars, service projects, special Recognitions,
parade of checks

IF NEEDING A HOTEL ROOM: We have the block of rooms in for the 29I District Conference for October 16 and 17, 2026.
The rate is \$82.00 plus tax per room per night and there will be a \$3.00 fee for the City of Bridgeport Emergency fee
added per room per night. The rate includes breakfast.

The guest will need to call 304 842-5411 and ask to make a reservation with the 291 District Conference or they
may use the link below to book. They will need to book their reservation by October 1 to get the special rate.
Please contact me with any questions.

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.49035.html?groupId=I85FN1H5

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **THE LIONS DISTRICT 29I CONFERENCE**

I need to receive the registration by OCTOBER 9. Send registrations to: PCC
SUE LONG, P.O.BOX 988, FORT ASHBY, WV. 26719

Why Do We Have a Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat?

How did it come into being?

How does it function?

PID Fred Cole's vision is responsible for the birth and longevity of the West Virginia Lions Leadership School, now known as the Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat. PID Fred, who died in 2015, served as Chairperson of the very first Leadership School in 1997. Inspired by his experience in serving as the General Chairperson of the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Winston Salem, NC, Fred worked tirelessly to bring that same concept to West Virginia. With one exception in 2026, we have now enjoyed twenty-six Schools/Retreats.

The mission of the Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat is **to bring together the family of Lionism to enhance their leadership skills and deepen their commitment to community service.** The Retreat operates according to an operations manual that provides for a Planning Committee. That Planning Committee consists of the following members:

- Executive Committee:
- General Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Immediate Past Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Council Chairperson (who will be serving during the fiscal year that the Retreat is held) Other Committee Members:

Not more than eight (8) additional members may be added by the General Chairperson to provide geographic distribution and/or expertise to the committee.

The planning committee meets regularly throughout the year (not less than three (3) times. Committees are assigned by the general chairperson to carry out the necessary planning. The Retreat generally consists of three

meals with a banquet speaker at each, and we offer twelve educational seminars over the two-day event. Seminars are offered twice so as to provide maximum opportunities for everyone to attend seminars of their choosing.

This year's Leadership Retreat is scheduled on January 29-31, 2027 at Days Inn Conference Center in Flatwoods. Look for more details and a registration form in this newsletter or on our MD 29 web page.

PID Steve Glass
Planning Committee member

LIONS OF WEST VIRGINIA LEADERSHIP RETREAT

January 29-31, 2027

Flatwoods Days Inn & Suites and Conference Center
Registration Deadline: **January 15, 2027**

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

Registration Fee:

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

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

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

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

Breakfast is included for individuals staying at the hotel.

Deadline to Reserve

Rooms at above rates: **December 29, 2026**

Check In Date:		Check Out Date:	
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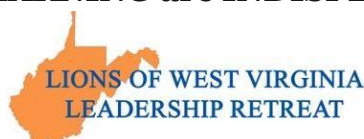
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FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE:			
SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:			

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

Mail check and form to: **PCC Cindy Glass, 922 East Avenue, Shinnston, WV 26431**
Email: cinwa130@gmail.com; Phone: 304-203-2006

“LEADERSHIP and LEARNING are INDISPENSABLE to each other”



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

Seminars for 2027 LWVLR

- 1. Basic Roles and Responsibilities of the Big 4 (president, secretary, treasurer, membership chairperson)** *You keep asking me to take one of these roles. Before I do, I want to know what is expected of them and what their duties are.* This seminar is designed to inform prospective and aspiring club officers of their duties and responsibilities and to encourage them to take on leadership roles at the club level. Target audience: All attendees
Facilitator: **PDG Micheal Gibbs, District OH-1 Rushsylvania Lions Club, Rushsylvania, OH**
- 2. Understanding Diversity: A zebra is not a horse!** This seminar will involve an inward focus for individual Lions as well as an outward focus. It will explore ways that we can look at ourselves and what we do to make our clubs attractive to diverse groups of prospective Lions as well as newer members. Utilizing an analogy that she discovered during LCIP Training in Toronto, Dawn has developed an innovative way to examine our likenesses and differences to better appreciate diversity. Target audience: All Lions Facilitator: **PDG Dawn Rice Norton, Medford Lions Club, Medford, MA and DGE Seminar Group Leader**
- 3. AI is the roadmap to achieving our Mission** Artificial Intelligence – what are you talking about? What is this new thing that everyone is talking about? Should I be afraid of it? A renowned leader will provide the answers to these and many other questions and show you how to harness the opportunity to utilize AI to increase your leadership skills and enhance your club and district.
Facilitator: **ID Daniel Elkins, Bellefonte Lions Club, District 22-D, Wilmington, DE and past International Board appointee.**
- 4. Effective Public Speaking** This seminar will discuss the steps in planning for and preparing for any type of public speaking engagement that one might face as a leader. It will provide tips on overcoming anxiety

associated with having to deliver a speech to a group of any size and practice techniques you can use to become comfortable. Target audience: All attendees

Facilitator: **Lion Kelton Boblits, past president of the University of Charleston Lions Club, District 29-C**

5. **Ethical Leadership: the real key to retention and membership engagement**

Leading and serving with integrity and compassion is a key necessity to building, strengthening, and growing our ability to serve effectively. This seminar will deal with self-examination and the culture within our clubs. We will look at key ethics policies that are designed to strengthen our CORE Values.

Target audience: All attendees

Facilitator: **PID Steve Glass, Shinnston Lions Club and PCC of Multiple District 29.**

6. **Lionism in West Virginia: Past, Present, and Future!** This seminar is intended to be an orientation for all Lions as it examines the origins of our existence in West Virginia and tracks our history as well as examines our future hopes. Target audience: All attendees

Facilitator: **Lion Rick Thorn, Valley District Lions Club, District 29-I**

7. **The Roles and Responsibilities of Being a Zone Chairperson** *Incoming district governors and other district leaders keep asking me to become a zone chairperson. Before I say yes, tell me what my obligations are. What does a zone chairperson do? What is expected of them? Do I have the personality traits to make an effective zone chairperson? Are there any rewards involved in performing this role? Tell me more.* This seminar is designed to discuss the basic duties of this position and the resources available to assist the zone chairperson. You will learn of the very valuable role that the zone chairperson plays in the success of the clubs and the district and the many rewards that it brings.

Facilitators: **FVDG Diana Bedell, past president of the Bridgeport Lions Club, District 29-I and three-time zone chairperson of Zone 8 of District 29-I**

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

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

Target audience: All attendees

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

9. **Time Management** Time is a precious commodity for all of us, especially those who are in leadership roles.

PDG Wendy is an expert on time management and personal planning, and she will impart her vast knowledge of the subject with those who want to eliminate procrastination in their lives and learn how to manage unnecessary stress. Many tips will be shared with those who want to improve their time management skills.

Target audience: All attendees

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

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

11. **The rewards of being a district governor: the positives far outweigh any negatives!** What keeps most qualified Lions from stepping in to this vital role? Is it fear of the unknown? Is it fear of failure? Is it the

perceived time commitment? This seminar will recount the positive experiences of three highly successful district governors who will share their best experiences from their respective journeys. They will emphasize how the team approach helped them to be successful and enjoy the journey! Facilitators: **PDG Kim Ebert, PDG Lisa Keffer, PCC Cindy Glass**

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

Target audience: All attendees

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

29I CABINET CONTACT LIST FOR 2026 – 2027

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2 nd Vice District Governor	Vacant		
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Youth Exchange (Appted)	Henry Krautwurst	304-467-1032	Henryk248@gmail.com
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Disaster Relief & Recovery	Wayne Worth	304-709-2646	wayneoworth@hotmail.com
District Conference Chair	Vacant		
Administrator	Steve Glass	304-203-2988	scjglass@aol.com
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NOTES: The Cabinet member emails are hyperlinked. Clicking on an email address should open your email and address the email to that individual in the “send to” line. This Table will be (or is) on the [29I website](#) through the [MD29 website](#). (These are hyperlinked also)

The Language of Lionism Part Two

By PID Steve Glass

In my forty-five years of Lions service and leadership many, many times I have personally witnessed and heard about Lions using terms incorrectly or providing misinformation to others. In an effort to try to “set the record straight” I am writing this article. I once heard an instructor say in one of my conflict resolution courses that “a difference, which makes no difference is not really a difference at all.” I agree with that assertion; however, that is not always true as you will see if you read this treatment thoroughly.

As Lion leaders wearing name badges and having titles, newer and unseasoned Lions tend to listen to us and believe that we know what we are talking about. We owe them the duty of speaking clearly and providing them with correct information.

Last month we began a discussion in this section on learning the difference between certain terms that many Lions often confuse or in some cases have never really learned and their significance. In this issue and this space, we will close this discussion with two more differences worth noting.

Election of district officers v. appointing a Lion to fill the vacancy in the office

As noted in last month’s edition of this newsletter, a district convention is held annually for the purpose of electing the district’s leaders for the following year: district governor, first vice district governor, and second vice district governor. Delegates from clubs are duly certified by the credentials committee of the district and vote on these candidates by secret ballot and majority rules. Often, no qualified candidates stand for election,

and therefore, vacancies occur in these offices after the convention. When that situation arises, a different process is then followed and that process is called vacancy filling. In that event when some Lion does indicate a willingness to fill a vacancy, the district governor or immediate past district governor convenes a meeting of the past district governors of the district upon at least fifteen days' notice, and they meet, accept nominations, and appoint a Lion to fill the vacancy that exists.

The individual club's responsibility to assist with providing eyeglasses v, the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation's responsibility

Our West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation was established in 1959. Its purpose is to provide sight and hearing conservation and rehabilitation. That has been interpreted to mean it will pay for sight and hearing services that are ordinarily beyond a club's ability to pay. Through the years, clubs have been expected to pay for eyeglasses for citizens in their communities, while WVLSCF pays for surgeries needed to correct vision problems and purchase hearing aids, which are generally too expensive for clubs to purchase. If a patient needs a special type of glasses because of a unique condition, and an ophthalmologist certifies this to be the situation, the Sight Foundation will provide glasses in that case.

LIONS Help Disaster Recovery in West Virginia

The summer months brought rounds of heavy rainfall in central West Virginia. The beautiful rolling hills and abundance of streams conspired to collect the water, overrun their banks and flow into the streets of adjacent towns. Disaster Relief Chair for Lions District 29I, Lion Wayne Worth, began the preparations early. West Virginia Governor Pat Morrissey quickly gained an aerial view to assess the devastation. He posted on social media that he had "just finished an aerial tour of the impacted areas in Weston and Buckhannon. It appears the water has been receding in Weston, but Buckhannon remains under water in parts of the town. We are meeting with local officials and will fully brief the public within the hour."

Lions from Jane Lew, Bridgeport, Nutter Fort, Adamston Lions Clubs teaming up with Clarksburg Mission were already at work as the first ones into the flood muck with additional support being added from Lions Clubs in zones 7, 8 and 9 through the many days of clean up.

First Vice District Governor Lion Diana Bedell communicated through frequent Facebook posts on the developments and how the humbling experience of flood relief work in Weston and pride of the more than 30 Lions with community members engaged in the clean up to shovel, squeegee, carry buckets of muddy water and boxes and furniture from a residence, garage and the Lewis County Senior Center including gutting floors and drywall from the New Hope Baptist Church in just the first weekend of cleanup.

FLOOD RELIEF CLINIC

FREE EYE EXAMS & HEALTH SCREENINGS

Free services for adults and children affected by flooding in Central West Virginia

Saturday, August 29, 2026 | 9 AM – 2 PM

WVU Medicine St. Joseph's Hospital
1 Amalia Dr.
Buckhannon, WV 26201

FREE SERVICES	GLASSES AVAILABLE
Eye exams	Basic glasses: \$25
Health Screenings	Progressive bifocals: +\$60
Eyeglass Repairs	Transition lenses: +\$50
Flood-Relief Supplies	
Snacks and Beverages	CASH ONLY
Giveaways	Payment Due at Time of Service

CALL HEALTH ACCESS AT 304-622-2708 TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:








As Lion Wayne Worth wrote, “The sun doesn’t always shine in West Virginia, but the people always do and I thank the Jane Lew Lions Club, Bridgeport Lions Club, Nutter Fort Lions Club and Clarksburg Mission for putting in the sweat and effort that turned a devastating situation for someone, into a beacon of hope.” This was just the beginning as he called on Lions for more days in support and to muster at a local business to continue the effort. He added that there were more outstanding crews for flood relief in Weston on those additional days of recovery efforts. The crew pulled flood muck out of basements one bucket at a time on top of removing water-logged debris. None of it was easy work. But all, volunteers, Lions and citizens shared in the effort because as Lion Wayne related, “we know taking care of that task is half the battle in the flood recovery process and bringing a little bit of hope to a homeowner’s day is our way of loving our neighbors.”

The Lions Clubs International Foundation stepped up to support the community by awarding a \$15,000 emergency grant for flood relief in Lewis and Upshur Counties. This funding is already making a difference, providing much

needed assistance to those who have been affected by the recent floods.

It’s heartwarming to see organizations come together to help our neighbors during tough times and this grant is a crucial part of the ongoing relief efforts. From immediate necessities to long-term recovery plans, these funds are focused on helping local citizens regain stability.

Showing how Lions are embedded into and work with their communities, the local business of Rominger Dental related that they have many wonderful patients and friends in the area and requested for people in the Bridgeport/White Oaks area to “donate anything: cleaning supplies, garbage bags, brooms, money, gift cards, water, baby supplies, feminine hygiene products, etc. Please don’t hesitate to stop by the office or get ahold of me!” The proprietor also said they would be donating their 2026 salary from city council this year to the flood victims.

Sometimes the smallest conversation leads to the biggest blessings one Lion related. “While purchasing buckets for our West Virginia flood response a gentleman in line asked what we were doing with so many. When we told him they were headed to families impacted by the devastating flooding in West Virginia, he quietly stepped forward and paid for the 101 buckets and work gloves. His only request; ‘Tell them God bless them from North Carolina.’ To the incredible team at Home Depot who helped make it happen thank you for your kindness and assistance. And to the generous man we’ll probably never meet again.... Your compassion is already making a difference. You are a Lion at heart. This is what happens when neighbors help neighbors.” The West Virginia University Eye Institute will host a free flood relief clinic for families affected by the flooding by providing that program in Buckhannon at WVU Medicine St. Joseph’s Hospital on August 29th.

The effort of Lions continues to help those affected in their recovery. In addition to providing labor, Jane Lew Lions posted the directions to gain support from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Lions service goes a long way. It is like sunshine that never fades.



Pictures: Top Left: One of the many cleanup crews of LIONS and community members under the direction of Lion Wayne Worth (right side of picture)

Top right and center right: One basement before and after cleanup

Bottom right: One of the cleanup crews – post cleanup

Left Center and Bottom: Views of the devastation

Center: What a Lion gets when they provide the service of mucking flood debris (PRIDE not shown)

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

A message ALL LIONS Clubs from DG

Lion Gray Jones:

Please let your clubs know that there is a Flood Relief clinic on August 29th from 9-2 at St Joseph's Hospital (1 Amalia Drive, Buckhannon).

WVU Eye Institute's Appalachian Vision Outreach Program is setting up a clinic to help those affected by the flood who have lost their glasses. They have done this before. And it is a good service.

Lions can help by collecting personal items such as toothpaste, soap, toothbrushes, etc., or working the tents they will have set up. Since the glasses to be provided have to be paid by cash, and many of the flood victims have money issues now, Lions Clubs who wish to contribute may also come prepared to help buy glasses for those in need.

Shepherdstown Centennial Lions Club recently announced its “Outstanding 5th Grader” award for the 2025-26 school year.

Pictured below are Lion B. Thomas, Immediate Past President, winners Rosey Harvey & Micah Rosado, Lion C. Roberts, Treasurer.

Submitted by Lion Euphemia Kallas, Esq.



Valley District Lions Club honored Lion Thomas Radabaugh for his 50 years of membership in the club and his long-standing service to others on July 13th. Tom was awarded a “Certificate of Recognition

and Appreciation” along with a coin exemplifying his “Heart of Service” to the communities of Arthurdale, Reedsville and Masontown. Tom's service through his 50 years of membership has demonstrated a true heart-felt desire and



determination to make a difference in the lives of others. Lion Clubs have a motto of “WE SERVE,” and

Tom has definitely served in his 50 years with the club. Besides his work within the club/community, he worked many years with the Boy Scouts and served several years as President of the Preston County Workshop.

Photo/Left to Right: Donald Kenyon, Club President; Tom Radabaugh, Seated Accepting Membership Award and Judy Harder, Club Membership Chairperson

Submitted by Lion Judy Pratt

Lumberport Lions Club officers were recently installed by PID Steve Glass. The officers for FY '26 – '27 include Fran Wilson, treasurer, Patty Vincent, Secretary and Frank Long as President.



Submitted by FVDG Lion Diana Bedell

Valley District Lions Club installs new club officers for FY 26-27. It's official! New club officers hold up their candy bars given to them by Cindy Glass, PCC (Past Council Chairperson), who used a special induction called “the candy bar” which provided a lot of fun and laughs for our club. Cindy was a Past District Governor for 2 years prior to becoming PCC. Additional guests were: Steve Glass, PID (Past International Director) and Deanna Granger, 2nd Vice District Governor. Special thanks to our guests who have been so supportive and available when needed which is what “Lion Members” do – WE SERVE!



Photo: L to R: Richard Thorn, Secretary; Donald Hawley, Lion Tamer; Cindy Glass, PCC; Carrie Long-Cress, Club First Vice President; Donald Kenyon, Club President; Georgia M. Myers, Club Second Vice President; Judy E. Harder, Club Membership Chairperson; Paul L. McBee, Club LCIF Coordinator; Judy R. Pratt, Club Marketing Chairperson; Nellie Britton, Club Tail Twister; Kermit Hawley, Club Treasurer.

Submitted by Lion Judy Pratt

Nutter Fort Lions Club member Lion Jesse Garcia shared this story from her Disaster Recovery Experience: I wanted to share an interesting story with you today that happened to me in Weston. When I was leaving this afternoon I still had three brooms and five mops to hand out. There was a relief tent set up in the middle of town, handing out food and supplies so I stopped and asked them if they would like the brooms and mops I had left to distribute. A lady looked at me and said "I haven't seen a Lions broom in years. My grandfather was blind, and he used to sit in his basement and make brooms daily for the Lions Club. It brought tears to her eyes as she asked me if she could have a broom in memory of her grandfather because where she lives, she hadn't been able to find one in over 20 years." Of course I let her have one of my brooms. She told me about how her grandfather would cut the straw, tie it together and do everything without any sight at all. Amazing story.

Facebook Post by Lion Ken Shahan

Wardensville Lions Club hosted the monthly Community Seniors Luncheon at Wardensville United Methodist Church on July 24th. Sixty of our



neighbors attended the lunch prepared and served by club members enjoying a good meal and fellowship.

Submitted by Lion Henry Krautwurst

Jane Lew Lions Club joined District 29-I Disaster Relief Chairman Wayne Worth and other area Lions Clubs to help clean up after devastating flooding in the Weston area. At one home, the owner asked to take a photo with the volunteers. The home was a total loss, and the group helped clean it out.



Pictured are Lion Pat Casey, Lion Mike Walker, the homeowner, Lion Keith Kincaid, and Harry Phillips, a friend of club member Pat Casey who also wanted to help. After leaving that home, the group went to Horner to clean out a basement

Submitted by Lion Dwayne Brown

Wardensville Lions Club hosted our District Governor, Gray Jones and our Zone 3 Zone Chairman, Daryl See and his wife Dianna at our July 22nd meeting. We invited them so they could meet a Youth Exchange student staying with a local host family. Jason and Rachel Alborough of Mathias, WV are hosting Emmie Thomas from Schwalmstadt, Germany. This is Jason & Rachel's second consecutive year hosting Youth Exchange students. Emmie addressed the club discussing and answering questions about her life in Germany,

school plans and hobbies. *Submitted by District Secretary Lion Steve Glass*

As with all the students from Europe, she has a good command of the English language. It was our pleasure meeting her and seeing the caliber students involved in the Lions Youth Exchange Program.



Left Picture – Lion Lorrie Krautwurst and Emmie Thomas. Lorrie is wearing the German Youth Exchange shirt our student gave her last year.

Right Picture – (L-R) Front Row - Lion Lorrie Krautwurst, Zeke Alborough, Rachel Alborough, Back Row: DG Gray Jones, Zone Chairman Daryl See, Lion Henry Krautwurst, Emmie Thomas, Jason Alborough and Josiah Alborough

Submitted by Lion Henry Krautwurst

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