

DISTRICT 29I NEWSLETTER

September 2026



We Serve

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

LCIF Report

Last Year's Results

- Worldwide donations totaled \$85 million, reaching 111% of the goal.
- Area B—Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania—raised \$1,099,985, reaching 73% of the goal.
- MD29 raised \$87,106, reaching 62% of the goal.

This Year's Goals

- **Worldwide goal:** \$67,000,000 Cash & \$81,000,000 Stretch.
- **Area B goal:** \$1.2 million.
- **MD29 goal:** \$117,226.
- 29L: \$36,626
- 29C: \$30,107
- 29I: \$50,533

MD29 can reach its goal if each member contributes \$40.

Area B Focus: Coordinators will prioritize outreach to clubs that have not previously contributed, with special attention to encouraging first-time gifts.

Personal Focus: I will concentrate my efforts on 29C, which currently has no coordinator, and 29I, which is supported by a first-year coordinator.

Fun Fact: CA1 received the fewest LCIF grants.

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Calendar of Events

October 8th thru 18th 2026 – Vision Services Week

October 17th 2026 – District 29I Fall Conference @ Benedum Civic Center in Bridgeport

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

February 13th through 21st 2027 – Youth Services Week

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

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

ROAR INTO FALL THROUGH SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITIES

BY FVDG Diana Bedell



I will be the first to admit that the summer flew by and I am a little slow in embracing the upcoming fall months and all of the activities that come with it. My calendar tells me that ready or not fall is upon us and I know from what I have heard and seen, that the District 29-I Lions are making plans for upcoming service projects and fundraisers.

I again want to thank Lion Beth White, District GST and Lion Roy Murphy, District LCIF Chair, for their work with the disaster relief project in Lewis and Upshur counties. DG Gray applied for and landed a \$15,000 LCIF Disaster Relief Grant which has enabled our team to purchase supplies for flood victims in these counties. This has been a major undertaking, and Lions have shown that we ROAR LOUDLY.

As we have previously noted, Lions Clubs International has once again scheduled Lions Weeks of Service for the 2026-2027 year. The first Week of Service is Vision and is set for the week of October 8-18 (coinciding with World Sight Day on October 8 and International White Cane Day on October 15). I look forward to seeing some creativity in how our clubs approach this service activity.

While we continue our focus on service to our communities and retaining and growing our membership, please consider learning more about Lionism by attending the one-day District Fall Conference on Saturday, October 17 at the Benedum Civic Center in downtown Bridgeport. This one-day event includes lunch for a reasonable cost of \$25. (Please see the registration form enclosed in the newsletter). This is a great time to renew old friendships, meet new friends and exchange ideas and learn about what makes Lions such a great service organization.

Also, remember to sign up for the multiple district Leadership Retreat to be held January 29-31, 2027, at the Flatwoods Days Inn. Again, this is a great resource of information and a time to brainstorm and learn from some of the most awesome Lions.

I will be heading to Detroit on September 19 for a two-day event with Leader Dogs and look forward to learning more about this important group and sharing information with you in the October newsletter.

In the meantime, I would like to see Zone Chairs and other Cabinet members promote their activities and share the excitement of Lionism and how each of our communities is being served. The District 29-I newsletter is a great tool in which to share this information.

In the meantime, continue to Serve your communities and Grow! 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

**PARADE OF CHECKS
DISTRICT 29- I FALL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 17,2026**

Please complete this form and return it to the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer (at the address below) or via e-mail by Saturday, October 10th. **Individual checks should be made out to each program as listed.** Checks may be presented to the Cabinet Secretary at the registration desk on Saturday morning. Clubs not attending the conference should **mail** checks to the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer PID Steve Glass. Each club will be recognized at the banquet and the amounts donated will be acknowledged provided this procedure is followed.

PROGRAMS

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF)	\$ _____
WV LIONS SIGHT CONSERVATION Foundation (WVLSCF)	\$ _____
YOUTH EXCHANGE	\$ _____
ROMNEY D&B STUDENT WORK PROGRAM	\$ _____
LEADER DOGS	\$ _____
PILOT DOGS	\$ _____
DISASTER RELIEF	\$ _____
OTHER	\$ _____

PID Steve Glass
922 East Ave.
Shinnston, WV 26431

TOTAL DONATIONS \$ _____

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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NAME:			
NAME:			
ADDRESS:			
PHONE:		EMAIL:	
CLUB NAME:		DISTRICT:	
FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE:			
SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:			

\$105 per person (X 2 = \$210)	\$90 per person (x 2 = \$180) (<u>only</u> if you qualify for Early Bird Special)	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**



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Blind Ski Recreation	Vacant			
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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)



Multiple District 29

Lions For Little Hearts



Dear Club Presidents, Secretaries, Zone Chairs and Club Members,

I am writing to share the **Lions For Little Hearts initiative** and invite your club to participate in a meaningful state-wide effort to support pediatric cancer patients.

Enclosed with this message is the Lions For Little Hearts flyer, outlining how Lions in WV Multiple District 29 are providing comfort, courage, and encouragement to children undergoing treatment. Each club is asked to contribute, as you are able, a **\$50 donation or more** toward the creation of Lions For Little Hearts Comfort Kits. Your club might consider a special fundraiser for this purpose.

You may send your club's \$50 donation directly to your District Treasurer, and you should specify the funds as **Care Kits** on the memo line for purchasing comfort items. All purchasing will be coordinated by PDGs **Ramona Sago** and **Kim Ebert** to ensure consistency across all kits. Please reach out if you would like to help in some way.

Please note that **all donations must be received no later than October 31, 2026**. A complete list of club contributions will be maintained for multiple district records and transparency.

Once all donations are collected, the comfort kits will be assembled and delivered to the hospital in one coordinated district trip. A follow-up letter and photo will be included in each **district newsletter** so every club can see the impact of their support.

Thank you for your continued dedication to serving children and families in our communities. Your participation in Lions For Little Hearts helps bring comfort and courage to those who need it most.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Ramona Sago Multiple District 29 GST
rsago1959@gmail.com - 985-227-6771

Checks are to be made out to each district treasurer and on the memo line put Lions For Little Hearts

LIONS FOR LITTLE HEARTS
Compassion in Every Paw. Courage in Every Child.

SUPPORTING PEDIATRIC CANCER PATIENTS WITH COMFORT, CARE, AND COURAGE

Lions For Little Hearts is a service initiative of the Lions Clubs of WV District I dedicated to bringing comfort to children battling cancer.

We provide thoughtful items that offer encouragement, reduce stress, and remind each child they are strong, brave, and never alone.

SERVING WVU MEDICINE GOLISANO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

COMFORT ITEMS WE PROVIDE MAY INCLUDE:

- Stuffed Lions
- Activity & Coloring Books
- Blankets & Cozy Items
- Comfort & Self-Care Items
- Encouragement Cards & Notes

Small gifts. Big impact. These items bring smiles, lift spirits, and help kids stay strong during their treatment journey.

YOU CAN HELP!

- ✓ Make a financial contribution
- ✓ Spread the word and get others involved
- ✓ Make comfort kits with your club
- ✓ Support Lions for Little Hearts in your community

feel seen, supported, and brave.

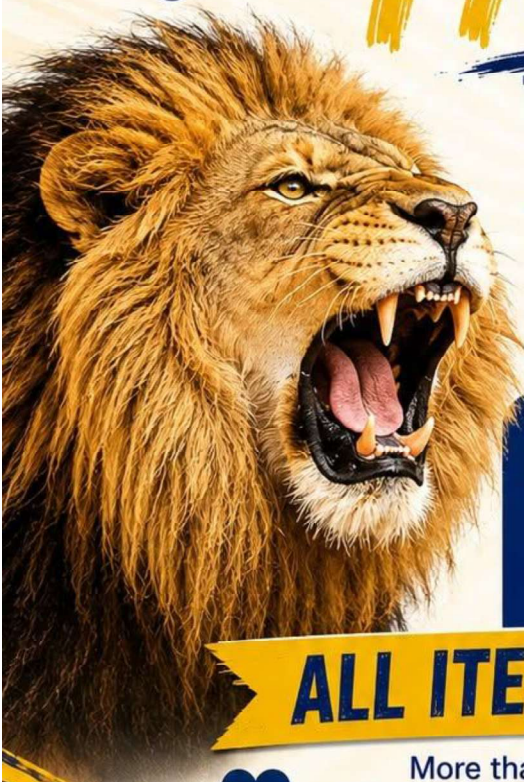
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO GET INVOLVED, CONTACT:

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LIONS SERVING CHILDREN. CHANGING LIVES. TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

29I District Goals

- Achieve a net increase of 10 new members in the district.
- By the end of 2026-2027 year, we will have at least 85% of our clubs reporting at least one of their monthly services in the Lion Portal.
- To have the majority of the club presidents, vice presidents, and zone chairs attend and complete online training at the Lions Learning Center and attend any district club officer training that is held.
- Ensure that our clubs and/or individual Lions contribute at least \$30,000 to LCIF during the fiscal year.



A ROARING THANK YOU!

TO ALL THE LIONS OF DISTRICT 29-I
who answered the call,
AND FRIENDS OF LIONS
that assisted with the flood relief donations! 



**OVER
950
ITEMS
DISTRIBUTED!**



**DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS
OF THE COMMUNITY
IN NEED.**

ALL ITEMS GONE BY NOON TODAY!

 More than 950 flood relief items were distributed to members of our community in need, made possible by **\$10,000** from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

Thank you 
FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**



**TOGETHER,
WE SERVE.**

YOUR TIME. YOUR HEART. YOUR SERVICE. CHANGING LIVES EVERY DAY. 

Lions District 29-I Flood Relief Effort Serves 750 Residents in Just 24 Hours

(01September Facebook Post by Lion Beth White)

WESTON, [W.Va.](#) — When flooding devastated homes and communities throughout the area, Lions from across District 29-I answered the call to serve.

The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) awarded District 29-I a \$15,000 disaster relief grant to assist local residents affected by the flooding. Of that amount, \$5,000 was earmarked for immediate flood relief and cleanup efforts, while \$10,000 was designated for household recovery supplies to help families as they began putting their homes and lives back together.

The need was tremendous. The household recovery supplies purchased with the \$10,000 portion of the grant were completely distributed within just 24 hours, providing assistance to approximately 750 people affected by the flooding.

Making that possible was a remarkable cooperative effort involving more than 50 volunteers who contributed over 200 hours of service.

Members of six Lions Clubs in District 29-I — Adamston, Bridgeport, Jane Lew, Shinnston, West Milford and Nutter Fort — joined forces with Auvil Insurance to get the supplies into the hands of those who needed them.

Volunteers worked together throughout every stage of the project, from loading and transporting the supplies to unloading, organizing and tagging the items for distribution. Once the doors opened, volunteers staffed the donation tables, helped residents find the supplies they needed and offered encouragement and support to neighbors facing the difficult task of recovering from the flood.

The fact that every household recovery item was distributed within 24 hours demonstrated both the tremendous need within the community and what can be accomplished when service organizations, businesses and community volunteers work together.

The \$15,000 LCIF grant provided assistance during two important stages of the recovery process — \$5,000 for immediate flood relief and cleanup and \$10,000 for household recovery. Combined with the time and dedication of local volunteers, those funds provided meaningful assistance to hundreds of area residents.

But the mission was about more than numbers. Behind each of the 750 people served was a family, a home and a neighbor trying to recover from the effects of the flood. Along with supplies, volunteers were there to offer a helping hand, a kind word and the reassurance that their community had not forgotten them.

For the Lions of District 29-I, it was their motto put into action: “We Serve.”

District 29-I extends a roaring thank you to the Lions of Adamston, Bridgeport, Jane Lew, Shinnston, West Milford and Nutter Fort, Auvil Insurance, the Lions Clubs International Foundation, community volunteers and everyone who helped make this flood relief mission possible.

Together, more than 50 volunteers, six Lions Clubs and a community partner turned over 200 hours of service into something much greater — neighbors helping neighbors when they needed it most.

RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

A Compilation From 291 Clubs

Shepherdstown Centennial Lions Club installed its new officers for 2026/2027 at a pot luck luncheon at beautiful Morgan Grove Park in Shepherdstown.



Pictured L-R are Ex-Officio President Pam Boomer, Community Services Chair Dee Ann Dixon, Publicity Chair Effie Kallas, President Mercedes Prohaska, District General Governor Kim Mason, Secretary Velma Green, Treasurer Cheryl Roberts.

Submitted by Lion Euphemia Kallas Esq.

Bridgeport Lions Club present awards. Who doesn't love awards and being recognized by their club members? The [#BridgeportLions](#) presented the Melvin Jones award to current club president Jay Larry tonight for his leadership, guidance and participation in many community and club projects. He received the award from past recipient, Lion Mark Bronsak.



Lion Robin Faris presented the Leonard Jarrett award to Lion David Booth for his hard work and participation and willingness to assist with many club projects. Continue to Roar loudly! 🦁

Submitted by FVDG Lion Diana Bedell

Wardensville Lions Club welcomed two new members, Patti Yarbrough & Nick Yoder, at the club meeting on August 26th. Pictured L-R Patty



Austin, Patti Yarbrough, Nick Yoder & Tom Austin. Patty & Tom Austin sponsored Patti Yarbrough & Patti Yarbrough sponsored Nick Yoder.

Submitted by Lion Henry Krautwurst

East Lewis Lions Club hosted a well-attended annual picnic at Lewis County Park on Tuesday evening, August 25, 2026, with more than 70 members present. The event featured a generous spread of food, including hot dogs, salads, bean dishes, and homemade desserts such as carrot cake, peanut butter cake, cookies, pies, and cheesecakes. East Lewis Lions Club is truly known for serving some of the most exceptional food in the entire Lions District, setting a high standard with every picnic and gathering. Their warm hospitality and outstanding covered dishes make every event memorable. **Jane Lew** and **West Milford Lions Clubs** joined in for the evening of food, fellowship, and community connection. Following the picnic, members of all three clubs gathered for a group photograph to commemorate the event.

*Submitted by Lion Dwayne Brown
And Zone 9 Chair Linda Aman*

Hedgesville Lions Club was pleased to be able to donate \$300.00 to the new Hedgesville Early Learning Academy located at 100 Ridge Road North in Hedgesville. On Friday morning, August 28th, Lion members Delmar Barrett, Rose and Mike Shickle and Linda and Bill Ackerman attended the ribbon cutting. The members were able to tour the

facility and agree that it is a wonderful addition to the Hedgesville area.



The Early Learning Academy is expected to provide a safer, more modern learning environment for Pre-K students, with expanded capacity and improved facilities. The school's opening is part of Berkeley County Schools' ongoing efforts to expand early education opportunities in the region

Submitted by Lion Linda Ackerman

Martinsburg Lions Club assisted with the “back to School Bash” hosted by Telamon at the Adam Stephen Homes facility in Martinsburg. The event gathered and provided school supplies for children in need at the facility. The young students were provided with backpacks and the right to pack them with a host of school supplies to facilitate their upcoming school year. Telamon and a large



assortment of vendors had supplies, drinks and food available to the attendees. Lion Nicole Taggart provided face painting for those so inclined while Lion Jim Mullen was the “mad Scientist” performing a side variety of science experiments and scientific lessons to the inquisitive.

Submitted by Lion Jim Mullen

Johnstown Lions Club 72nd Old Fashion Fair was a HUGE Success! From set up and clean up to participating in day-of operations, the Lions team of President Larry Smith and Treasurer Bill Suan, along with Lion District 29-I Zone 9 Chairwoman Linda Aman helped pull together to make the fair a great community event—rain, clouds, and all. Due to inclement weather, the car show was rescheduled to early October—but that didn't stop families from showing up. In fact, community support was strong regardless of the conditions! Free family fun included: Music artists, Children's face painting, Pony rides, Petting zoo, Blacksmith demonstration. Featured games & attractions: 22' Screamer Slide, 50' Toxic Obstacle Course, Corn Hole Tournament, Whale Bounce with Slide, Flea market, Homegrown garden vegetables for sale, delicious home baked desserts.



President Lion Larry Smith prepared a one-of-a-kind homemade barbecue sauce and prepared terrific pork sandwiches on his commercial smoker, while serving as greeter and helping with the 50/50 ticket drawing. Treasurer Bill Suan assisted with food supplies, organized preparation, and handled cleanup. He also acted as Head Cashier and helped supervise the entire event until closing. All proceeds from the fair support the Johnstown Community Building, which in turn helps provide support for Community Outreach Service (CEOS), 4-H, Senior Citizens, the Johnstown Lions Club, and other community events.

Johnstown Fair Planning Committee members included Janice Millson, Virginia Chapman, Bill Suan, Linda Williams, John Chapman, and B.J. Nutter (car show). Many folks volunteered and worked several hours throughout the day.

Submitted by Zone 9 Chair Lion Linda Aman

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: LIONS29Newsletter@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

UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES

A Compilation From 29I Clubs



NEXSTEP
COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS

Nexstep Commercial Products
is now the **One and Only Official Broom Supplier to the Lions!**

Nexstep Commercial Products manufactures high-quality Lions Club Corn Brooms to the same standards the Lions Club have used for over 75 years. The Lions Club Broom Sale has proven to be a major fundraising event that's a very easy way to generate funds.

Contact Information
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Cell: (864) 444-1325 • Email: lbale1010@aol.com

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL

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Mountain State Council of the Blind

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ANNUAL CONVENTION OCTOBER 2ND AND 3RD HOLIDAY INN MARTINSBURG, WV

MSCB is hosting blind and visually impaired students to learn about career and other opportunities. Volunteers are needed to lead the students from table to table to speak with the vendors. These students will also need volunteers to help them at a Taco Bar for lunch. Lions will host one of the tables to tell the students what Lions do! Lions are needed to be at this table to speak with the students and later in the day to speak to convention attendees. Volunteers are also needed at the registration table. Lions can also help with selling 50/50 tickets and at a silent auction, and a live auction on Saturday evening. Volunteers are needed throughout the day Friday and Saturday starting at 9 am. If you choose to volunteer email Lion Dave Plume (daveplume@comcast.net) to sign up. The earlier the better as volunteers receive a T-Shirt. Whatever time you can donate to help will be deeply appreciated. To learn more about the Mountain State Council of the Blind go to their website mscbwv.org.