

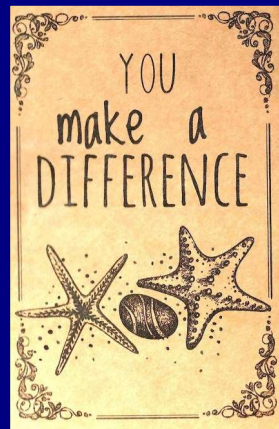
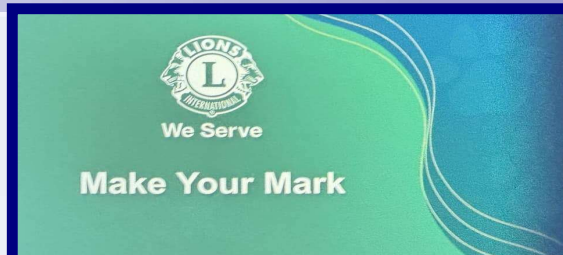


DISTRICT 29-L (WV/USA)



MAY 2025
Newsletter

DAVID ROBERTS, DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Happy Spring Lions!

The weather is getting better and it is a great time to serve your communities! As I have visited clubs and talked with many of you, there doesn't seem to be any shortage of opportunities for projects and service. One of the things most of us enjoy about LIONS is the fellowship and friendship we make when we are together serving our communities and our district.

As we begin the month of May, club elections have likely been held and the incoming officers of your club reported to LCI via the Lion Portal. It is my hope that all of your officers will participate in an officer training session, even if they have been an officer before. We are never too old to learn!

On the District and State level, your leaders will be elected at the State Convention to be held at Cannan Valley State Park Resort, May 16-18. Elections for the Multiple Districts will be held Sunday morning with breakfast. Just to clarify, in order to vote you need to be registered for the Convention and your club finances have to be in order with outstanding balances paid by May 1, 2025.

My year of service as District Governor is quickly coming to a close. Lion Lori and I are happy for the opportunity to serve District 29L, the forty-five Lions Clubs, and the Lions that serve alongside us. I still have Chevrons and awards to present to some Clubs, so if you have not scheduled a visit please contact me. There is still time! Call or Text me at 304 482-2410 or email me at parkersburgbenefits@cascable.net

Remember: Together we made a difference for "That One"!

Roar Lions!

District Governor Dave Roberts

2024—2025 29-L CABINET

David Roberts, Governor
Kim Ebert, 1st VDG
Tony Vandenberg, 2nd VDG &
LCIF Chair
Bill Syphers, Secy / Treas
Bernice Pitcock, GLT Chair
Linda Leasure, GST Chair
Gary Pitcock, GMT / GET Chair
Dan Heintzman, IPDG

ZONE CHAIRS:

John Porco, Zone 1
Kristine Quinn, Zone 2 / 3
Scott Beaver, Zone 4
Vincent Post, Zone 5
Robert Brummage, Zone 6
VACANCY, Zone 7
Virginia, Dickens, Zone 8

Ramona Sago, Administrator
Phyllis Amrhein, Newsletter Editor
Kathy Syphers, IT
Amy Houser, Environmental
Eva Dague, LEO
Paul Amrhein, Sight & Hearing /
WVU Liaison
Patty Nutter, Youth Exchange (E)
Michelle Harshbarger, Youth Ex (A)
Lori Roberts, District Conference
Dave Shelton, Reading Action Prog.
Jay Houser, Marketing

DG DAVE'S CLUB VISITS

New Martinsville, Paden City, Friendly



Lion Rebecca George, LEO Advisor, receiving her Guiding Lion Certificate from DG Dave.



DG Dave being presented with a gift from Lion Bill Bell of the Paden City Lions Club.



DG Dave and Zone Chair Scott Beaver (Friendly Lions Club)



District Governor visit with the Wheeling Lions Club.

Pictured are DG David Roberts and Past District Governor, Lion John Wensyel

KIM EBERT, 1st Vice District Governor

Leading with Courage and Serving with Heart: A Personal Invitation to Explore Leadership in Lions Clubs

Being part of a Lions Club is more than just volunteering; it's about stepping up and leading with purpose, courage, and compassion. When I talk about "Leading with Courage and Serving with Heart," it's not just a catchy phrase—it's a call to action for each of you to explore leadership opportunities within our clubs and make a real difference.

For me, leadership in a Lions Club has always been about having the courage to step into the unknown (like running as District Governor!) Whether it's organizing a community project, running a fundraising event, or guiding new members, courageous leadership means being willing to try new things, even if they seem intimidating at first. It's not about being perfect; it's about being brave enough to lead, learn, and grow.

If you've ever thought about taking on a leadership role in the Lions Club but weren't sure if you were ready, I can tell you from experience: you don't need to have all the answers. Leadership is about being willing to jump in, make decisions, and inspire others to join in the mission of service. The more we step forward, the more we encourage others to do the same.

What really makes Lions Clubs special is the heart behind our service. When we serve, we do so because we genuinely care about the people around us—whether that's those in need or our fellow members. Leadership isn't just about directing; it's about being present, listening, and supporting one another. It's about making sure every member feels valued and inspired to contribute.

I've seen how powerful it is when leaders serve with heart. When someone takes the time to check in on a fellow member, offer guidance, or simply listen, it creates a ripple effect that inspires others to do the same. It strengthens the whole club and helps us all stay focused on what truly matters: the impact we can make together.

Why This Matters for You

If you're reading this and thinking, "I've never led before," or "I'm not sure if I'm ready," I want to reassure you that **you're exactly who we need**. The future of our Lions Clubs depends on new leaders—people who are willing to take that first step, people like you who want to make a difference.

By embracing leadership with courage and compassion, we create a community where every member has the opportunity to grow, lead, and serve. And honestly, there's no better time than now to get involved. Whether you're a long-time member or new to Lions, **you have something valuable to offer, and we need you to help lead the way.**

A Personal Invitation

So, here's my personal invitation to you: explore leadership within your Lions Club or your District. Don't wait for the "perfect" moment. Step forward, even if you feel unsure, and trust that you'll grow through the experience. There's a powerful sense of fulfillment that comes with leading, especially when you do so with courage and heart. And together, we can continue to make an incredible difference in our communities.

If you're ready to lead with courage and serve with heart, we're waiting for you. Let's create something meaningful, together.



LION TONY VANDENBERG,
2nd Vice District Governor



STILL TIME TO SERVE!

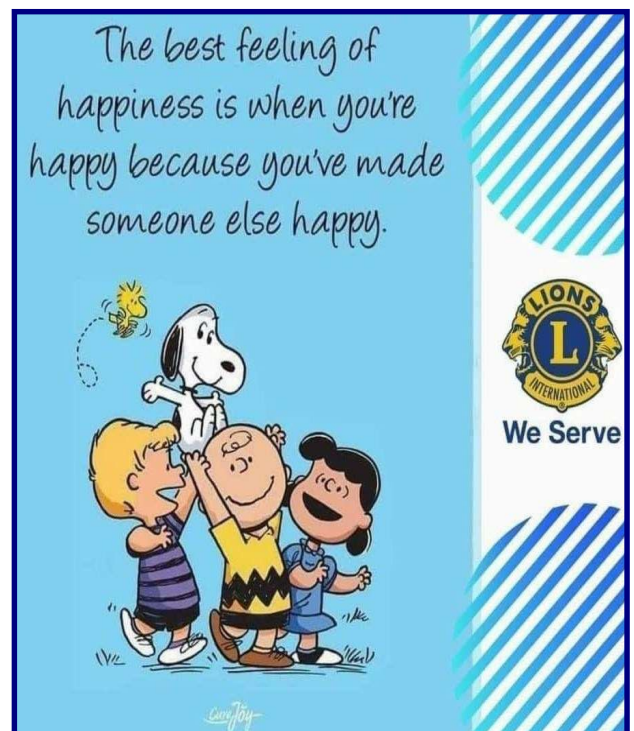
Thank you for all you do. Take a little time to review this past year, and what else can still be accomplished in the last two months of this Lions year. New service projects? Attracting new members? Helping other community organizations?

Please be sure that your Club has its officers elected, and reported. Do you know whether your Club has been reporting service, updating membership through the Lions Portal? If so, wonderful and thank you. If not, maybe you can help! Clubs can assign a Club Administrator who has all the permissions to report and update your Club's data — it does not have to all fall on the Secretary.

Let's finish the year by Making a Difference for That One — one person, one organization, one community.



Global Causes



PDG BERNICE PITCOCK,
DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CHAIR



**PLEASE GET YOUR NEW OFFICERS
NAMES IN THE LIONS PORTAL!!**

As of this writing, I have info from 10 clubs.
It is important for clubs to have this information available for your incoming District officers – for planning for the new Lion's year and to plan for training of those officers.

I hope to see many of you at the multiple district convention at Canaan. This gives us an opportunity to celebrate our successes, to encourage our fellow Lions and to have some fun.

Other reminders:

2024-25 Cabinet Appreciation Picnic is on June 28 at 1 pm at Crystal Lake in Doddridge County. Please let PDG Richard McMillan or me know if you will attend.

Cabinet members and clubs – please consider a monetary gift for our outgoing DG Dave. Send checks to Lion Bill Syphers.

It's been a pleasure serving the District this year – ROAR LIONS!

Lion Amy Houser,
District Environmental Chair

29L Celebrates Arbor Day

Founded in 1969, the Arbor Day Foundation's stated mission is to "inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees". As a district-wide project, I challenged clubs to plant a tree in honor of Arbor Day. Thank you to the Williamstown Lions for planting two cherry trees in their town park.

Left to right: Lion Deb Kurfis, PDG Jay Houser and new Lion Shane King





ANN SUPPLER
Dallas Lions Club

BLAKE PIFER
Friendly Lions Club

MICHAEL BAKER
Moundsville Lions Club

WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS!



We are sad to inform you that
Lion Wilma Gem Williams
(Lion Debbie Delaney's mother)
passed away March 25, 2025.

In 2005, Lion Wilma was instrumental in chartering the Western Monongalia County Area Lions Club. She was listed as an active Lion at the time of her death. She was 96 years old.

Lion Wilma often expressed how men did not want women in their club, so she formed her own; and that the happiest time for her as a Lion was to see a District Governor selected from her little club.

She received the Melvin Jones Fellow for her dedicated humanitarian services. The club will miss her joy, funny remarks and enthusiasm.



Please keep Lion Debbie, her family, friends, and Lions club members in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.





District 29 L PDG Association

Lions –

The 2024-25 Lions year is rapidly coming to a close. 29L PDG's have the following announcements to share:

- 1. 29L PDG's will sponsor a picnic to honor the 24-25 District Governor and his cabinet at Crystal Lake, Doddridge County on Saturday, June 28, 2025 at 1 pm.**

Doddridge County Lions will host and will be providing food and drinks. Cabinet members will receive their meals free of cost; the charge for other attendees will be \$15.00/person. Please RSVP to either PDG Richard McMillan at 304-873-1353 or patandbub66@aol.com OR PDG Bernice Pitcock at 304-797-8374 or bpit@comcast.net. RSVP deadline is no later than Monday June 23. Please join us as we celebrate the conclusion of a very successful Lions year!

- 2. It is customary for cabinet members and clubs to show their appreciation for the work of the District Governor during this year. We are respectfully requesting that you consider a monetary donation to the DG by sending a check to PDG Bill Syphers – cabinet secretary/treasurer at 77 Raven Ave Wheeling 26003. Please note “DG appreciation gift”. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.**

Yours in Lionism,

**PDG Bernice Pitcock
Vice Chair 29L PDG Association**

MT. OLIVET LIONS CLUB

Our guest speaker for the March meeting was Lion Tony Vandenberg, 2nd Vice District Governor and Secretary of the WV Sight Conservation Foundation. He spoke to us about the Foundation and the new vision screening equipment purchased by the Foundation and available for clubs to use.

Thanks Lion Tony for this information and visiting with us!

The Mt Olivet Lions Club visited Hilltop Elementary to present U S Flags to 60 first graders. (pictured below) We showed them how to fold the Flag properly, and gave them some history of the flag and how to take care of it. We also led the students in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. They were attentive, courteous and asked great questions.



WEIRTON LIONS CLUB

Weirton Lions recently inducted two new members. Pictured are: President John Porco; Lion Jennifer Glass; Lion Janet Ridgway (new Lion and Jennifer's sponsor) and Lion Vanessa Beaver (Janet's sponsor).



FAIRMONT LIONS CLUB

The Fairmont Lions Club have been busy again as the weather improves. They held a "Meet and Greet" at Middletown Commons hoping to recruit new members on April 12th. They had a table set up with copies of The Lion Magazine, Lion brochures, and more. Members explained **LIONS** to the public who stopped by and several left with an application form.

In conjunction with the "Meet and Greet," the Midtown Leo Club members worked on taking apart small electronics which people brought for recycling. (Photo below)



Some of the Fairmont Lions Club members, along with some of the Midtown Leos and family members, volunteered to clean a section of the West Fork River "Ralph S. LaRue" Trail on Saturday, April 19th.

A Leo, a Lion, a parent and two other volunteers worked on the other end of the trail section and are not in the photo.

Six trash bags were filled. Some items which did not fit into garbage bags (such as tires, roofing metal, a string trimmer and other larger items) were also removed. The section of trail cleaned is just over 2 miles in length. We put in 26 volunteer hours.

WARWOOD LIONS CLUB



The Warwood Lions would like to thank First Warwood Ward Councilman Tony Assaro and WVU Extension Agent Karen Cox for being speakers at our recent meeting.

Tony gave us an update of everything going on in the City of Wheeling and our Warwood neighborhood. Karen spoke on the trees in Garden Park in Warwood and the environment in general.

The Warwood Lions Club welcome two new members: Al Holderman and Chablis Hupp.

WELCOME Lion Al and Lion Chablis!



DALLAS LIONS CLUB

The Dallas Lions Club was honored to recently host District 29L Governor, Dave Roberts and First Lady, Lion Lori Roberts. Lion Don Richey was presented with an award for his 45 year anniversary of LION services. Also receiving awards were: Lions Donna McGlaughlin, Sarah Williams and Jeff Williams (not pictured) in recognition of 15 years of service each.



2025 Multiple District 29 Lions Convention Registration
May 16 – 18, 2025
Canaan Valley Resort, Davis, West Virginia

Name/Names: _____

Address: _____
City/Zip Code _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____
District Number _____ Club Name: _____

Menu Choices (Friday Banquet and Saturday Banquet only)

Friday (select one only)

Caprese stuffed chicken _____ or Flank steak _____

Saturday (select one only)

Linguini primavera _____ or Pork loin _____

If there are two or more reservations on this form, please make sure that each person indicates his/her choices above.

Registration Fee: \$110.00 per person

Make check payable to: MD 29 LCI – Please write “2025 State Convention” on the memo line.

Please send this form and check **by May 1, 2025**, to: Steve Glass
922 East Avenue
Shinnston, WV 26431

For lodging, please call **304-866-4121** and choose Option 1 and refer to the Group Code 1058MS or tell them you are attending the Lions State Convention. All rooms in the Lodge are \$139.00 per night, plus applicable state and local taxes and fees. Cabins are also available for rent.

The cut-off date for booking a room in the Lions block and receiving this rate is **April 17, 2025**.

If you have any questions regarding the convention or using an alternative payment method, please contact convention chairperson Steve Glass at 304-203-2988 or MD 29 Secretary-Treasurer Cindy Glass at 304-203-2006.