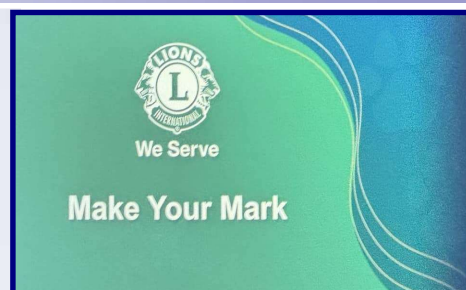




**DISTRICT 29-L  
(WV/USA)  
MARCH 2025  
Newsletter**

**David  
Roberts  
District Governor**



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**Fellow Lions:**

**As Governor of Lions District 29L, I want to personally invite you and your guest to join Lion Lori and me for our District 29L Conference on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at The Historic Blennerhassett Hotel located in Downtown Parkersburg. The Parkersburg Lions Club is hosting this event.**

**This year's theme is: "The Roaring Twenties". Friday's festivities are a Dinner and a Show on the Ohio River aboard the Major Riviera. Period attire is welcomed, but not required. There are a few spots available for the Dinner and Entertainment River Cruise. Time for the cruise is from 6:00pm until 8:00pm. If interested, please give me a call or text at 304-482-2410 for more information. (This event has been scheduled as an EXTRA event prior to the Conference.) Following the Dinner Cruise, the "1889 Club" Speak Easy will provide entertainment beginning at 8:30pm.**

**The registration area and the Silent Auction Area opens at 8:30am on March 15th. The Conference activities begin at 9am with the Cabinet Meeting, and concludes after the Banquet and entertainment later that day. In addition to learning opportunities, we are planning other activities for your enjoyment. A Registration Form is included with this newsletter. **IT IS NOT TO LATE TO JOIN US!** Hope to see you there!**



## MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR DAVE (CONTINUED)

We would like for clubs to bring an item for the silent auction. Clubs whom would like to be a sponsor and listed in the program, can still contribute.

Lions across our district are doing great work in their communities. We hope that you will share your experience in the Newsletter and with fellow Lions during the conference.

With all the work we do as Lions, it is still necessary to keep up-to-date with the administrative side. April is fast approaching and that means club elections for officers. Please consider encouraging members to serve as a club officer. Once officers are elected, please be sure that accurate information is entered in the portal.

April and May would be great months to renew our focus to recruiting new members and continuing the goal of Mission 1.5. Spring is a great time to share fun and fellowship as we see District 29 L continue to grow.

Weather seems to be getting better and that means I will be on the road again. If you have not scheduled a District Governor Night, please reach out. If I have not heard from you, do not be surprised if you hear from me. I have several awards and chevrons to deliver and want to hear about all the things that your clubs are doing.

Remember that.....

“Together we can make a difference for That one.”

Roar Lions.

District Governor  
Dave Roberts



### 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,

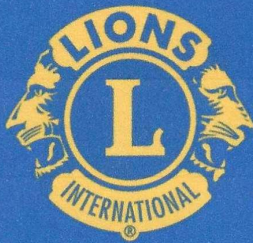
“Why bother? There are too many of them.

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





## WELCOME TO THE ROARING 20'S

### DISTRICT 29L CONFERENCE

P.O. Box 1372  
Parkersburg, WV 26102

#### CONFERENCE INFORMATION

District 29 L Conference will be held at the Historic Blennerhassett Hotel  
March 14 and 15, 2025

We look forward to welcoming you all with a special evening on Friday aboard the Major Riviera for dinner and musical entertainment while cruising the Ohio River. Space is limited so please get your registration in quickly. Saturday will see a full day of learning opportunities, some entertainment and fellowship!

Cost: Boat Ride aboard the Major Riviera (Dinner and Entertainment) \$45.00

Conference registration: \_\_\_ \$85.00 Full Day ( Lunch and Dinner Saturday)  
\_\_\_ \$45.00 Lunch (Saturday)  
\_\_\_ \$55.00 Dinner (Saturday)

A block of rooms has been reserved for conference attendees to stay one or both nights at the Blennerhassett Hotel and Spa. A special rate of \$125.00 for a double and \$135.00 for a king is available by calling 304-422-3131, just tell them that you are reserving a room for the Lions District 29 L Conference. This rate is available through February 14, 2025.

There is opportunity for special activities for children during the conference and a special dinner rate of \$20.00 is available for a limited childrens offering.

Please make checks to District 29 L Lions Conference.

If you have questions please call Lion Dave at 304-482-2410 or Lion Lori at 304-481-4159.

#### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
District and Club \_\_\_\_\_ Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#### MEDICAL INFORMATION

Do you have any medical issues or dietary restrictions we should know about? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children attending and any dietary restrictions we should know about? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CONTACT LION LORI ROBERTS AT 304-481-4159 IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND  
SO SHE CAN PLAN ACCORDINGLY.**



**REMINDER to all  
Clubs that have accounting  
balances with Lions Clubs  
International....**

**ALL clubs with accounting balances  
must be received at LCI prior to the  
May Convention in order for club delegates to be able to vote at the  
Convention.**

DG Roberts wishes to thank all clubs that have paid their accounting thus far. If a club is having trouble getting their account paid, do not hesitate to contact me, District Administrator PDG Ramona Sago at 985-227-6771.

For District Dues please contact:  
Sec./Treas. PDG Bill Syphers at 304-280-6622.

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**DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CALENDAR**

District 29L Conference at the Blennerhassett Hotel	March 14 & 15
Follansbee Lions Club	April 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 6pm
Dallas Lions Club	April 10, 6pm
Wheeling Lions Club	April 16, Noon
New Martinsville, Paden City & Friendly Clubs (combined)	April 22, 6pm
Parkersburg Lions Club Out-of-Sight Dinner	April 23, 6pm
WV Lions State Convention, Canaan Valley	May 16,17 & 18

## KIM EBERT, 1st Vice District Governor

Hello Lions!

### Stepping Up to Serve: My Journey Through the DGE School & Excitement for the District 29-L Conference

As a proud Lion, I've always believed that leadership and service go hand in hand. This February, I had the incredible opportunity to attend the **District Governor-Elect (DGE) School** at the **Q Center in St. Charles, Illinois**—a transformative experience that reaffirmed my commitment to making a difference.



Walking into the conference, surrounded by fellow Lions from around the world, I felt a mix of excitement and responsibility. The days were packed with insightful training sessions, discussions on leadership, and powerful moments of connection. We tackled real-world challenges, shared our experiences, and learned how to lead our districts with vision and purpose. It wasn't just about policies and procedures—it was about **how to inspire and empower others to serve**. One of my biggest takeaways? **Service starts with strong leadership**. And now, with the District 29-L Conference just around the corner, I can't wait to bring that energy back home.

### Join Me at the District 29-L Conference!

If you're a fellow Lion or someone who believes in the power of service, **mark your calendars for March 14-15, 2025!** We'll be gathering at the **Blennerhassett Hotel in Parkersburg, West Virginia** for an unforgettable weekend of learning, networking, and celebration.

This isn't just another conference—it's a chance to **reignite our passion for service, share ideas, and strengthen our impact as a team**. Whether you're a seasoned member or new to the Lions family, this is your opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals who share the same mission: **to serve with kindness, dedication, and heart**.

#### ◇ Why You Should Attend:

- ✓ Gain insights from inspiring speakers
- ✓ Learn new ways to serve your community
- ✓ Network with fellow Lions from across the districts
- ✓ Recharge your leadership skills
- ✓ Have fun and celebrate our collective achievements!

If you haven't registered yet, **don't wait!** Visit [lions29l.org](https://lions29l.org) to secure your spot.

I left the DGE School feeling more motivated than ever, and I know the District 29-L Conference will be another step forward in our journey to **serve with purpose**. Let's come together, share our stories, and make a real impact—**because when Lions unite, there's nothing we can't achieve**.

See you in Parkersburg! 🐾 ❤️



## LION TONY VANDENBERG, 2nd Vice District Governor



### THE GIFT OF BEING A LION

Our 29 L Conference will be a great opportunity to renew, and make, friendships with other Lions. Think of all the people you know solely by the virtue of you both being a Lion. The joy of fellowship, the ideas for service, knowing more about how Lions serve their communities – that joy helps us be happier, fulfilled human beings.

I hope to see you there! Let us celebrate our accomplishments so far this Lions Year, and let that joy fuel our clubs for the remaining four months.

### MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIPS

We approach the 29 L Conference where some of our Lions Clubs will contribute to LCIF and other causes. Keep in mind the opportunity Lions have to honor individuals who exemplify service, and show commitment to LCIF's global causes, by awarding a Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF). Fellows need not be Lion members. A Club, or group of individual Lions, can pool their donation credits to reach the \$1000 level for a MJF. Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships can be awarded for each additional \$1000.



LCIF keeps track of donations from Clubs and Lions that have not yet gone toward a MJF. You may contact me to find out those credits, or you can contact Donor Services at 630-203-3836 or [DonorAssistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:DonorAssistance@lionsclubs.org).

The LCIF Board of Trustees approved these Grants at its January meeting, for the United States, and its territories and affiliates. This is quite an interesting range of imagination for service on the part of these Districts!

LCIF Grantee District/MD	State or Country	LCIF Grant Name	Grant Type	Amount
District 1 H	Illinois	Equip Central Illinois Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired	Matching	\$10,200
District 11 B1	Indiana	Upgrade S.A.F.E. Place Shelter	Matching	\$16,500
District 12 L	Tennessee	Purchase Retina and Cataract Surgery Machine	Matching	\$99,500
District 14 B	Pennsylvania	Create Water Access for Kwilu Communities	Matching	\$10,200
District 2 X1	Texas	Build Beds for Texas Children Camp & Local Children Services Agencies	Matching	\$12,500
District 20 K1	New York	Support for Family Resource Center at Boys and Girls High School	Matching	\$10,000
District 20 S	New York	Update Equipment at Long Island State Veterans Home	Matching	\$10,000
District 24 C	Virginia	Furnish Carilion Children's Hematology & Oncology Clinic	Childhood Cancer	\$90,000
District 27 E2	Wisconsin	Equip Hudson Hospital Infusion Center with Cellavision DC-1	Matching	\$25,000
District 35 O	Florida	Vision Equipment for the Right to Sight Project	Matching	\$27,582
District 60 B	Jamaica	Purchase Dental Equipment - JAMAICA	Matching	\$45,225
Multiple District 34	Alabama	Support for Alabama Lions Sight Mobile Eye Clinic	Matching	\$150,000
				<b>\$506,707</b>



**PDG BERNICE PITCOCK,  
DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CHAIR**

The following is from Jon Gordon, an American author and speaker on the topics of leadership, culture, sales and teamwork. He was asked about the most important characteristics of a leader and he created a list of the top three:

**INTEGRITY** – With integrity, a leader is whole and complete. There is no disconnection between what they say and what they do. A leader with integrity can be trusted.

**OPTIMISM** – The optimists, believers and positive leaders make the greatest impact. They believe in people and believe in a brighter, better future.

**CARE** – Leaders care about their mission, product, **SERVICE**, responsibility and team. If you don't care about your mission and your people **THEY** will feel it, know it and become disengaged because of it.

These are the decisions and choices that you make. **KEEP IT SIMPLE!!**

Do the right thing

Believe in what's possible and believe in others more than they believe in themselves

Care about your people and they will care about you and your mission.

**HOPE to see you at the District Conference in Parkersburg on March 14 – 15.**

**PDG Gary Pitcock,  
District GMT / GET Coordinator**

Hello fellow Lions – we are starting March out with a loss in membership. If our clubs are to survive, we must work to get them healthy again. I have provided many ideas in the past and have offered assistance, but it is up to **YOU** to help your club. Spring is coming and it's the perfect time to get out and promote your club.



Have a Meet & Greet with snacks and refreshments. Get a speaker such as an eye doctor and advertise the event to the community – ask the doctor to speak on eye care and the things that affect the eyes. Have someone from a local hospital speak about diabetes - foods to eat and to avoid. Have Lions info out for display and have attendees sign in with their name and phone number – then follow up with them!! Make sure to have membership applications available – this doesn't have to be elaborate – just provide interesting information and promote, promote, promote!!

**YOU can do this!!**

Lion Amy Houser,  
District Environmental Chair

## ARBOR DAY

Now is the time to start planning an activity for Arbor Day which is on Friday April 11, 2025 in West Virginia. You can visit the Arbor Day Foundation online to get information about purchasing trees at a reasonable cost. Visit West Virginia Forestry at [www.wvforestry.com](http://www.wvforestry.com) to get other ideas and resources for your club, community and schools. Please post your photos of Arbor Day 2025 on social media and tag them with #29LCelebratesArborDay2025 so we can all see your photos!

As the warmer weather approaches, now is also the time to start scheduling highway cleanup, trail and creek cleanups, and recycling projects with your local solid waste authority.

Happy Spring!

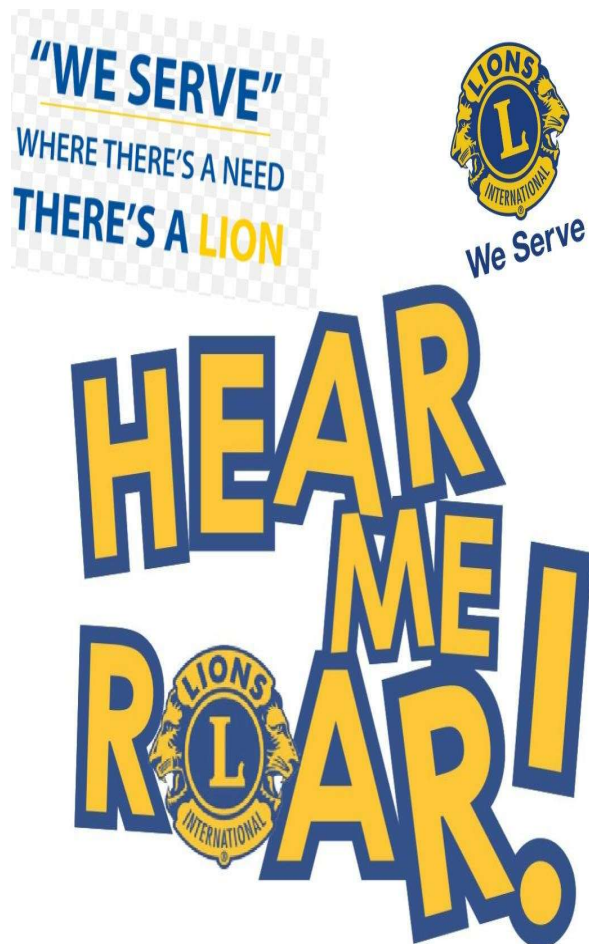
Lion Amy Houser,  
Environmental Chair





# WELCOME

## New Members!



### BARRACKVILLE LIONS

Stephanie Bennett

### PARKERSBURG LIONS

Alison Browning  
Scott B Reynolds

### WHEELING-WARWOOD LIONS

Albert J Holderman

### WILLIAMSTOWN LIONS

Christopher Shane King

## MT. OLIVET LIONS CLUB

PDG Mary Keyser and Lion Sandy Schafer volunteered as judges at the Sherrard Middle School Social Studies Fair on Feb 12th.



## PARKERSBURG LIONS CLUB

The Parkersburg Lions inducted two new Lions into their club recently. Welcome aboard Lions Alison Browning and Scott Reynolds!! 🐾 🐾

The NEW CUMBERLAND and CHESTER LIONS CLUBS provided vision screenings to about 270 students from Pre-K through 4th grade at New Manchester Elementary School on February 24. The vision screening identifies unknown issues and allows the student to then follow up with an optometrist.



Lions Clubs provide assistance with the purchase of glasses for members of their communities who have financial need. Thanks to Principal Cindy Yeater and Assistant Principal Jennifer Enochs for allowing us to serve the students, and to School Nurse Mary Lyons for her organizational skills. Lion Tom Hineman from the Chester club assisted New Cumberland Lions Jeanne Archer Cox, Jim Wells, Peggy Rocchio Lee, Cindy Skerbetz, Joyce Young, and Jennifer Evans Meeker.

**PDG Ramona Sago  
DISTRICT 29-L ADMINISTRATOR**

Ramona Sago 304-662-6265 or  
[rsago1959@gmail.com](mailto:rsago1959@gmail.com)

# **PORTAL**



**When looking for:**  
CLUB ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS  
(Current Statement and/or Past Statements)

**Follow these steps**

**Sign into the Lion Portal with your assigned username and password**

**Click on “My Club”**

**Click on “Club Statements”**

**Current balance appears**

**Choose method of payment**

**Pay with Paypal**

**Pay Now – Credit Card**

**Click on little red box, print, remit payment to:**

**The International Association of Lions Clubs  
35842 Eagle Way, Chicago, IL 60678-1358**



Dues for the Lions Clubs International Assoc. 2025-26 term will increase to US\$50 per year. The updated dues billing table can be found on the association's website.

Paper statements will no longer be mailed out after July 15, 2025. Please opt out of receiving paper statements and prepare to view statements online. Navigate into the Lions Portal and review your club's balances by going to:

[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and click member login

Please note that any approved dues adjustments will be effective July 1, 2025.

Administrator PDG Ramona Sago





# Multiple District 29 WV State Convention



**We Serve**

**CANAAN VALLEY**  
RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER  
A WEST VIRGINIA STATE PARK



Canaan Valley Resort State Park, 230 Main Lodge Road, Davis, WV

## May 16-18, 2025

### Convention Registration

**Fee per person \$110 includes: Saturday Lunch,  
Friday & Saturday Banquet, 2 Nights of Live Entertainment,  
Seminars, Silent Auction, Meetings, Fun, and Fellowship**

**Any questions contact: Steve Glass (304) 203-2988**

**Or Cindy Glass (304) 203-2006**

**Complete Info to be in *The WV LION* March 14th**

### Friday Night



**Byron "Six Six" Cooper**

**For Lodging: Call 304-866-4121**

**Before 4/17/25 for Discounted Rate**

**Use Option #1 refer to Group Code 1058MS**

**Daily Room Rate \$139 plus taxes/fees**

**Cabins are available for rent**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Cash Bar**

### Saturday Night



**The Flashbacks**

**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.

**Program and Agenda  
For MD 29 Convention  
May 16-18, 2025**

**Friday, May 16, 2025:**

10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Registration is open, certification of delegates, and silent auction drop-off
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Council of Governors Meeting
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	WV PDGA Luncheon Meeting
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	WVLSCF Meeting and Training

Afternoon is free for all others who do not want to attend the WVLSCF meeting for outdoor recreational activities, sightseeing, shopping in Davis/Thomas, service project participation, etc.

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Friday evening banquet (this evening will be dedicated to recognition of PDGs)
8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.	Musical entertainment by <i>Byron “Six Six” Cooper</i> Cash bar will be available until 10:30 p.m.

**Saturday, May 17, 2025:**

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Breakfast on your own Registration is open, district secretaries will make themselves available for certification of delegates and silent auction will be open until 6:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m. – 11:30p.m.	General Business Session of the Convention
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Luncheon
2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Learning Seminar
3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Learning Seminar
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Teresa Johnson Strides Walk and fun activities
6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Reception for ID Steve Middlemiss and Lee Ann (cash bar will be open and remain open until 10:30 p.m.)
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Banquet
9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Musical entertainment by <i>The Flashbacks</i>

**Sunday, May 18, 2025:**

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	District Breakfasts and Conventions
9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Necrology Ceremony
10:30 a.m. – 11: 00 a.m.	Reconvening of MD Convention for announcement of election results, expressions of gratitude, recognitions, and final announcements and adjournment.
11:15 a.m.	COG Meeting
11:45 a.m.	WVLSCF Meeting