



Lion Gray Jones District Governor

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues but the parent of all others." – Marcus Tullius Cicero

"The more grateful I am, the more beauty I see." – Mary Davis

"The root of joy is gratefulness." David Steindl-Rast



On July 11th, I had the privilege of installing the officers of the Paw Paw Lions Club.



On July 30th we attended the MD 29 CoG (Council of Governors) meeting and the WV PDGA (Past District Governors Association) meeting at Cacapon State Park and Resort. During the luncheon, we had a very good talk by International Director Jay Moughon of Clifton, VA about growing your membership.



On July 26th, I enjoyed a DG night meeting with the West Milford Lions. First Vice President Crystal Bunch and I enjoyed presenting a Heart of Service coin and certificate to Fire Chief John Elko.



I hope to see lots of you attending the Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat (LWVLR) at Days Inn, in Flatwoods on August 26th and 27th. Registration form and more information is included later in this newsletter.

I wish you deep gratitude, marvellous beauty, and tremendous joy in your lives.

District Governor Calendar 2022-2023



Schedule of Events

August:

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| 1 | Berkeley Springs Raffle Drawing |
| 2 | WVLSCF Meeting (Zoom) |
| 3 | District Governor Night with Romney Lions |
| 8 | District Governor Night with Franklin Lions |
| 11 | District Governor Night with Grafton Lions |
| 20 | District 29I Cabinet Meeting at Anunciation of our Lord Church, Fort Ashby |
| 22 | District Governor Night with Tennerton Lions |
| 25 | District Governor Night with Central Upshur and Ireland Lions |
| 26 – 28 | Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat (LWVLR) – Days Inn, Flatwoods, WV |
| 31 | MD 29 GAT Meeting (Zoom) |

September

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| 1 | District Governor Night with Bridgeport Lions |
| 10 | DG Group 23 Meeting (Zoom) |
| 11 | District Governor Visit with Fort Ashby Lions |
| 12 | District Governor Night with Mt Storm Lions |
| 15 – 17 | USA/Canada Forum – Calgary, Canada |

October

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| 6 | District Governor Night with Mountain Lions |
| 10 | District Governor Night with Paw Paw Lions |
| 24 | District Governor Night with Jane Lew Lions |
| 26 | MD 29 GAT Meeting (Zoom) |
| 28-30 | District 29I Fall Conference – Coolfont Resort, Berkeley Springs, WV |



Lion Kermit Hawley
First Vice District Governor

*FILL YOUR MIND WITH LOVE
FILL YOUR HEART WITH JOY
FILL YOUR LIFE WITH SERVICE*

We are going into the eight month of the calendar year and the 2nd month of the Lions Club year.

The month of August is named in honor of the first Roman Emperor (grandnephew of Julius Caesar).

THINGS HAPPENING IN AUGUST: AUGUST 1 – 7: INTERNATIONAL CLOWN WEEK, AUGUST 3: NATIONAL WATERMELON DAY, AUGUST 8: NATIONAL SNEAK SOME ZUCCHINI ONTO YOUR NEIGHBORS PORCH DAY, AUGUST 10: NATIONAL S'MORES DAY, AUGUST 11: MARKS THE END OF DOG DAYS OF SUMMER, AUGUST 12: VINYL RECORD DAY, AUGUST 13: INTERNATIONAL LEFT-HANDED DAY, AUG 20: WORLD HONEY BEE DAY, AND AUGUST 26: WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY.

The table below shows by Zone the number of newer club members up to 3 years of membership

Information obtained from LCI as of July 1, 2022

ZONE	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX	SEVEN	EIGHT	NINE
NEW TO 2 YRS	30	48	11	17	8	34	9	23	18
2 TO 3 YRS	9	12	8	6	9	4	5	11	5
MEMBERS	152	239	138	168	169	191	107	226	144
District total	198 new-2 yrs	69 2 yrs to 3yrs	1534 total members	% of total membership 17 Percent					

Based upon the information above, 17% of our club members have less than three years as a Lion. How are we doing on providing orientation training to these new members? My experiences when visiting clubs indicates that limited training for our newest members is taking place. Some clubs are doing training while others have not put a whole lot of effort into training of new members. Lions Club International has eight publications on new member orientation (Videos, pamphlets, lessons, and training guides). To view this information on your computer, I-phone, etc., go to lionsclub.org, this should bring up Home | Lions Club International, select Resource Center, in the keyword section type in orientation and scroll down. If you would like assistance in providing Orientation Training, talk with your Zone Chairperson or contact me at (valleylionsclub@gmail.com). Hopefully we can help in getting your new member familiar with what Lions Club is all about.

"You can't get much done by starting tomorrow."

God Bless!

LION KERMIT



2021-2022

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

Date: _____

Club Name: _____ Club Number: _____ District: _____

2021-2022 Club President's Name: _____

Member Number: _____ Email Address: _____

1. MEMBERSHIP

☐ Achieved a net growth of: _____ or ☐ Chartered new Lions club, Leo Club or Club Branch

Name of club, or branch: _____

2. SERVICE

☐ Contributed to LCIF

☐ Started a new service project. *Consider one of our Global Causes!*

☐ List Three projects/events reported by the club:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

☐ Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LC greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.

☐ Reported Club Officers to LCI

☐ Key Officers participate in one or more of the following leadership training events. Select all that apply:

☐ District

☐ Multiple District

☐ International

☐ Webinars

☐ Lions Learning Center

☐ Improvement opportunities can be identified with tools such as the *Club Quality Initiative*, *Your Club, Your Way!* and *Build a Vision for Your Club*

Improvements include: _____

4. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

☐ The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media. Choose all that apply:

☐ Facebook

☐ Instagram

☐ Twitter

☐ Billboards

☐ Presentation Groups

☐ Local Paper

☐ Radio

☐ Club Website

☐ Posted or Distributed Flyers

☐ Other

2021-2022 District Governor Signature*: District:

Member Number: Date:

Due by: August 31, 2022

Send to: clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or fax to (630) 468-6828

Awards Mailed to: 2022-2023 District Governors

*If sent from district governor's registered email, it qualifies as signature on applications submitted electronically.

Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club will be considered only if received at International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at LCI.



Lions Clubs International

District and Clubs Administration

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2021-2022 Club Excellence Award Application

This application can be downloaded from the LCIF site:

In search bar type in Lions Club International and it will send you to the www.lionsclub.org site

Click magnifying glass icon

Type to search: Club Excellence Award

Click next line: Club Excellence Awards

Then click on: Club Excellence Awards

Scroll down and click Download application 2021-22

These are due by August 31, 2022 and this information will be on the bottom of the second page.

We hope to have the application in upcoming newsletters.

We need your help now!

We're encouraging donations to the new LCIF Refugees and Displaced Persons fund. Contributions made to this fund will help ensure that Lions are there to help families find the safety and security they desperately need. LCIF grants have been approved for Poland and other countries receiving Ukrainian refugees.

The Lions Clubs in Ukraine and the surrounding countries are doing all they can to help with the refugees and they need our assistance. **We have over 1500 Lions in our District and are asking for support from individual Lions and Clubs. No amount is too small and the need is great!**



How Can You Donate?

Please make your check payable to LCIF and on the memo line put your Lion membership number and Refugees & Displaced Persons Fund.

Donations made to this fund will qualify for your Melvin Jones Fellowship Credit and count towards Campaign 100 donations. All contributions are confidential.

You can send your contributions to either of the following:

LCIF
Department 4547
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547
-or-
Al Cox
313 Worley Avenue
Clarksburg, WV 26301-3930

Thank You!
PCC Al Cox
LCIF District Coordinator
(304) 216-5251
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Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Across the District



Reported in July 2022

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Navonda I Tenney	Tennerton	Ann Slaughter

LIONS OF WEST VIRGINIA LEADERSHIP RETREAT

August 26-28, 2022

Flatwoods Days Inn & Suites and Conference Center

Registration Deadline: July 31, 2022



Registration Fee: \$80.00 Friday & Saturday – Three banquet meals, seminars & materials

\$55.00 Saturday only – Two banquet meals, seminars & materials

Rooms: Contact Days Inn at 866-700-7284 (Tell them you are with the Lions Club)

Rate: \$94.00 (up to 4 guests in a room) Deadline to Reserve: 8/16/2022

Breakfast box is included for individuals staying at the hotel.

Retreat activities include: Seminars to improve your Lions experience, motivational speakers, informational displays, Lions merchandise, Silent Auction, hospitality room, door prizes, great meals, and plenty of fun and fellowship. Information on specific seminars will be provided in District newsletters, a brochure, and website:

<http://wvlions.org/LeadershipSchool/home.html>

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CLUB NAME: _____ DISTRICT: _____

FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE: _____ Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Amount Enclosed: Full \$80 _____ Saturday Only \$55 _____

Make checks payable to: Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat or LWVLR and send with form to:

Lion Mary Jane Bright, 86 Crescent View Drive, Fort Ashby, WV 26719

Contact Lion Mary Jane for more information at brights@atlanticbb.net or 304-813-2567/304-298-4304.

“LEADERSHIP and LEARNING are INDISPENSABLE to each other”



2022 Scholarship Application for First-Time Attendee

NOTE: The First-Time Attendee Scholarship is either \$55.00 or \$80.00, depending on Saturday only or full attendance. This amount covers registration for meals and classes and **not for lodging at Days Inn Flatwoods**. The two scholarships are to honor PID Fred Cole and PCC Terry Goodman.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE/EMAIL: _____

CLUB: _____

Please indicate below when you joined the Lions; why you are interested in attending the Leadership Retreat; if you have held any club offices; and other pertinent information. A separate sheet may be attached.

Signature Date

Deadline to Apply: July 31, 2022

Please send the application to: Lion Mary Jane Bright, 86 Crescent View Drive, Fort Ashby, WV 26719 or via email at: brights@atlanticbb.net

Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat Seminars – August 27, 2022

“Communication is a Two-Way Street” – Presenter PID Gwen White – Navigating the twists and turns and avoiding the hazards.

“Together We Can...Serve” – Presenter PDG Bernice Pitcock – We will discuss various service projects; how small clubs can serve; partnerships in service; the importance of reporting service activities.

“The Diabetes Belt: Diabetes in West Virginia” – Presenter Lion Brendan Byrne – Once learning about the effects of diabetes within West Virginia, participants will engage in a workshop to create diabetic service projects that they can take back to their communities.

“Recruiting in a New Way: New Approaches to Yield New, Younger Members” – Presenter Lion Matt Rafa – “Are you recruiting the same way you’ve recruited for years? Are you struggling to get new, younger members? It’s time to change the approach to change your results! Lion Matt will discuss recruiting techniques his club used to grow to 65 members in less than (2) years.

“Developing the Leaders of the Future”- Presenter DG Daniel Marney Elkins – Join an interactive session that focuses on how to develop future leaders within Lions International. Learn how to recruit, engage and empower Lions to take on leadership positions by focusing on the need to develop new perspectives, remove barriers to service and by highlighting professional development opportunities and ways to increase our association’s capacity to serve the world and meet humanitarian needs.

“Leading in Real Time: How to Drive Success in a Radically Changing World” – Presenter PDG Wendy Cain – Inspired by the message of Michelle Ray at the 2021 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Lion Wendy will share key ideas and valuable lessons for today’s and tomorrow’s leaders from Michelle’s book of the same title.

“Zone Chair in Nine Easy Steps” – Presenter Lion Jim Slamick – Being a Zone Chair takes planning, execution and follow up of District Goals with Teamwork.

“What Lies Just Beyond Your Comfort Zone” – Presenter PID Steve Glass – Overcoming the fears and anxieties associated with being a leader. In this seminar you will learn about the joys and rewards associated with being a Lion leader at every level of Lionism and how to get comfortable in various leadership roles. We will also discuss things which prevent you from taking on leadership roles and hear practical suggestions for overcoming those issues.

“Branding” – Presenter Eric Minor – How to bring the corporate concept of branding into your Lions Club.

“Future of Lionism” – Presenter Lion Eli Hughes - Outlining the development and success of the University of Charleston Campus Lions Club

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

DISTRICT 29I DIABETIC AWARENESS PIN

Designed by
Seventh
Grader
Ms. Madison
Burnside
(Buckhannon
-Upshur
Middle
School)



Cost: \$4.00 per pin

To purchase, place orders through the following Google Forms <<https://forms.gle/5SrjNWyjYL257U1aA>>, contact your local club president, or contact District 29I Diabetes Chairperson Lion Brendan Byrne at lionbrendanbyrne@gmail.com



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