



Lion Gray Jones District Governor

"Do a good turn daily."

"Service Above Self."

"Do not show lethargy or negligence in giving alms and charity till your last breath."

"Serving the Children of the World."

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

"A generous heart, kind speech, and a life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity."



We Serve

Along with the Lions, the idea of service to others seems to be a basic requirement of being a good person. The quotes above are from Boy Scouts, Rotary Club, Islam, Kiwanis, Bible, and Buddhism.

I recently read the obituary of Hody Childress of Geraldine, Alabama. That obituary can be found at <https://www.foxnews.com/lifestyle/alabama-family-learns-veteran-dad-secretly-paid-neighbors-pharmacy-bills-decade-no-credit>. For the last ten years, this Air Force veteran gave his local pharmacist \$100 each month "to help anyone in town who could not pay for the medications – and he asked her not to tell a soul." This is a man I wish I'd had the opportunity to know.

As this first month of 2023 closes, I'm feeling like most of us have a great deal in common with our state animal, the Black Bear. Many of us seem to have gone into hibernation. I know that I don't particularly enjoy the cold, so staying inside my house is the default! Many of our clubs seem to be doing the same thing! Yet now, after the holiday rush, we've slowed down. Hopefully, to take stock, get geared up, and plan for the coming year. Let's get our mojo up and get back to serving others!

Like many of you, I'm looking forward to a cloudy day on February 2nd, in hopes that the groundhog doesn't see his shadow! I'm also looking forward to Valentine's Day to celebrate it with my wife! In the meantime, there are still many in our communities who need our help and our love. *"I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything; but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."* Edward Hale.

Many of you have heard me speak of my idea of heroism: continuing to do what you consider your duty despite the obstacles life and circumstance may throw in your way. A necessary component of heroic duty is that it is done for other people. That's service. That's heroism. That's the definition of a good person. That's also the definition of a Lion.

I've also challenged our clubs to recognize others in your communities who serve others. Express your appreciation and gratitude for what they do. And don't forget to recognize and show your appreciation for what your fellow Lions do!

We may not be able, individually, to change the world for the better, but together, collectively, there's a chance! Can you envision a world in which everyone looks out for others? I can, and I believe I'm a better person for it. I may be naïve, overly optimistic, totally unrealistic and living in fantasy-land. But my world is more colorful and beautiful every day because that gratitude, appreciation, service for others, and yes, love make my life fulfilled. What about you?



Lion Kermit Hawley
First Vice District
Governor

Today is a good day to have a good day!

Traditionalists, or the Silent Generation (born 1923-1944)

Baby Boomer (born 1945-1964)

Generation X (born 1965-1981)

Generation Y or Millennials (born 1982-1995)

Generation Z (born 1996-2015)

Generation Z has not known the world without the internet, smart phones or social media.

Which of the above is your generation?

I am not going to go into an explanation of each generation. I am not that knowledgeable of changes in society brought about by each of the above. The information above was obtained from Michelle Ray's book (LEADING IN REAL TIME), which I obtained at the Leadership Retreat last year. Our Lions Clubs are a combination of members, Traditionalist (age 85 thru 78), Baby Boomers (age 77 thru 59), Generation X (age 58 thru 43), Generation Y (age 42 thru 28), and Generation Z (age 27- down)

Each of us now knows what generation classification we fall under. It would appear that we have a **lock** on the Baby Boomers. Changes in our society were made and are still being made by this group. The Lions Club of the Baby Boomer generation was different than that of the silent generation. We are now living in the era of generation Z which is two generations past the Baby Boomer era. Times have changed, society has changed, attitudes and activities have changed. Some of our Lion Clubs are stuck in the way we conducted business in the baby boomer era. Every generation reacts to changes in the established way of doing things 50 years ago.

A note to Members of the Silent Generation and Baby Boomers. As I have traveled to various clubs, I notice that many of you have a cell phone or smart phone and also have internet capability. I would also think that many other things have changed in your life. This is true of your Lions Club. I heard the expression from a club member, "that's the way we have always done it."

Just to let you know, I am a member of the silent generation.

We need to be looking at the last 3 generations for members. They can bring new ideas, new life and enthusiasm to our Lions Club.

The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the Dance. Alan Watts

Happy Valentines day!



District Governor Calendar 2022-2023



Don't forget, 2nd Half payments for LCI and District 29-I dues should be paid by now. Notices, based on membership data in MyLCI as of midnight, December 31, 2022, have been sent out.

Schedule of Events

February

Date	Time	Event	Location
9	6:00 PM	DG Visit with Pikeside and Hedgesville Lions	Hoss's Restaurant Martinsburg

March

Date	Time	Event	Location
9	6:00 PM	DG Visit with Hope Centennial Lions	Brickside Bar & Grill, Bridgeport
18	9:00 AM	District 29-L Convention	Grand Pointe Hotel, Vienna
20	6:30 PM	DG Visit with Stonewood Lions	809 Plainview Ave, Stonewood

April

Date	Time	Event	Location
1	8:00 AM	District 29-C Convention	Pipestem Resort, Pipestem
17	6:15 PM	DG Visit with Tunnelton and Valley Dist Lions	5174 S Preston Hwy, Tunnelton
18	9:00 AM	DG Visit with Phillippi Lions	Grand Pointe Hotel, Vienna
20	6:30 PM	DG Visit with Stonewood Lions	809 Plainwood Ave, Stonewood
29	6:00 PM	DG Visit with Berkeley Springs Lions	Charlotte's Café, Berkeley Springs

Reported in December 2022



New Member	Club	Sponsor
Gerry D. Barnhart	Lumberport	Linda Wright
Rick Barnhart	Lumberport	Linda Wright
John Cleavenger	Lumberport	Nancy-Exline Webb
Judy Cleavenger	Lumberport	Nancy-Exline Webb
Kaitlin M Exline	Lumberport	Nancy-Exline Webb
Farrah J Hedrick	Lumberport	Linda Wright
Seth O Stalnaker	Lumberport	Nancy-Exline Webb
Amanda A Wilson	Petersburg	Roger Sites
Steven E Wilson	Petersburg	Roger Sites
Pamela Boomer	Shepherdstown	Barbara Burger
George A Smith	Tennerton	Ann Slaughter



Deceased Member	Club
Kenneth S Collis	Inwood Bunker Hill
Cheryl L Fields	Short Gap

“The West Virginians are Coming!” The West Virginia Lions are Coming!”



Come together with your fellow West Virginia Lions in Boston, Massachusetts for the Lions International Convention. Celebrate all that we’ve done to strengthen communities and support those in need. And look ahead at what we’ll do to make the world a better place.

As of January 21st, twenty-seven WV Lions have already registered and we hope you will join us. Our delegation hotel is the Hilton Boston Back Bay. When you register please consider using this hotel.

Boston is bursting at the seams with delicious cuisine and incredible sights to see and experience! From historical trails and scrumptious seafood to the biggest celebration of American independence, you can make the most of your trip to the 105th Lions International Convention

Here’s what’s in store for the convention:

- Enjoy world-class music and live entertainment
- Hear from our leaders and keynote speakers
- March in the Parade of Nations with fellow Lions and Leos
- Learn and grow your skills in expert-lead seminars
- Meet Lions staff in the Exhibit Hall

Register at LCICon.lionsclubs.org.

For more info please contact WV LCI Convention Chairperson PCC Al Cox by phone at 304-216-5251 or email at anewtc2@aol.com.

Happenings Around the District

On January 16th I was invited to visit with the Short Gap Lions Club. The spaghetti dinner at the Moose Lodge was wonderful (and I didn't even splatter any on me!) There I was privileged to present a Key award to Second Vice President Gene Hamilton!



From the Zone 8 Lions Club group on Facebook, Zone 8 Chairperson Diana Bedell reported that Lion Robin Faris conducted new member training today for four new Bridgeport Lions. Welcome (from left) Caroline Maier, Jay Larry, Steve Heaster and Tommy Jeffries! Roar Lions!



The Lions of West Virginia (MD-29) will be sponsoring a float for the WORLD ASSOCIATION OF MARCHING SHOW BANDS World Championship in Buckhannon, WV July 17th – 24th! Any Club that would like to donate to the float may do so by sending a check to CC Sue Long, P.O. Box 988, Fort Ashby, WV 26719. Please make the check out to MD-29 and note WAMSB in the memo field. For more information about this event, please go to their web page at <https://www.wamsb2023.com/>.



July 17th – July 24th, 2023
Buckhannon, WV



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WORLD ASSOCIATION OF MARCHING SHOW BANDS

2023 WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS



BUCKHANNON 2023

The World Association of Marching Show Bands (WAMSB), an international association dedicated to the fostering and growth of the worldwide marching band community, will be hosting its world championship in the **City of Buckhannon, West Virginia, USA on July 17-July 24, 2023**. This is the first event held in the U.S. in six years and the first time it has been hosted on the East Coast.

WAMSB is comprised of members from 32 nations from around the globe, representing 24 band associations, their bands and visitors. Buckhannon, Upshur County, and West Virginia welcome the opportunity to be viewed on a world stage and we look forward to highlighting the Mountain State.

Visitors will have the opportunity to come together to experience the sounds and visual talent of other cultures and be immersed in the unique art, music, and culture of Appalachia.

The theme of this year's competition is Uniting the World Through Music. The theme rings true by having nearly all corners of the world united in one place for a week-long extravaganza.



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Disaster Relief & Recovery Ukraine continues to need your help!

We're encouraging donations to the 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.
You can send your contributions to either of the following:

LCIF
Department 4547
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547
-or-
John Mason
318 Fairview Drive
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411-3403



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Thank You!
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