



## Lion Gray Jones District Governor

*"Joy is prayer; joy is strength; joy is love; joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls."* - **Mother Teresa**

*"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy."* - **Rabindranath Tagore**



One of the great Christmas carols is "Joy to the World". As we change over from the Holy Days (both Christmas and Hannukah were on December 25<sup>th</sup> this year, and Kwanzaa was from December 26<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>) to the New Year, it seems meaningful to reflect on the word "Joy." In 2015, Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama provided advice on how to find inner joy. They outlined eight pillars of joy, with four each associated with the mind and the heart. For the mind, they discussed perspective, humility, humor, and acceptance. For the heart, they talked about forgiveness, gratitude, compassion, and generosity. The October 3, 2016 issue of **TIME** magazine has the full article. Boiled down, the pillars all point to not spending much time or energy thinking about yourself.

To me, perspective sounds like walking in another's shoes. Humility is keeping your ego out of your own way. Humor provides us with the ability to see absurdities in even the worst of circumstances. There's a reason so many people in hazardous jobs indulge in graveyard humor! Acceptance is like the first part of the Serenity Prayer: *"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference."*

Forgiveness is the heart's side of acceptance of the weaknesses we all have and letting go of the hurts from them. That includes forgiving ourselves. I've spoken before about how gratitude shapes our perspective and allows us to appreciate what we have (rather than rail against that which we do not have.) Compassion leads us to action to alleviate the sufferings of others. (Sure sounds like a predecessor of Service, doesn't it?) Generosity is happiness in giving of our time, money, food or kindness to people in need.

Joy is not just happiness. It's what happens when service is in action.

So, for this New Year, 2023, I am wishing us all JOY! **Deep joy in the service of others!**

As you may note, this is a little longer newsletter than others. This is a tribute to the many acts of service you Lions performed during December (and about which I got articles, pictures, or facebook posts.) I'm sure there were many more about which I was uninformed.

But let me tell you that I am honored and proud to be a Lion in District 29-I. You are doing great work in your communities and I am bursting with pride. No pun intended!

**Happy New Year! May it bring us Joy through our continued Service to Others!**



Lion Kermit Hawley  
First Vice District  
Governor

When a flashlight dims or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not! You change the batteries. When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them change their batteries. Some need AA: attention and affection; Some need AAA: attention, affection, and acceptance: some need C: compassion; some need D: direction, **and if they still don't seem to shine . . . simply sit with them quietly and share your light.**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** Welcome to 2023 – The start of a new year and hopefully a prosperous year for all of us. I have been blessed with the opportunity to visit several clubs since becoming the First Vice District Governor. This and having been a Zone Chairperson for 3 years allowed me to see Lion's clubs in action. Your service activities are varied and wonderful. When I was Zone Chairperson I asked the clubs to make a list of their various activities taking place or had taken place that year. This information was compiled into a Zone Newsletter. A great way for the Zone to become familiar with what other Clubs are involved in.

Club Health Assessment - Each month the International sends to the District Governor a list called CLUB HEALTH ASSESSMENT- It is a breakdown of what is taking place within the club. Information is taken from club reports. The report consists of four sections: Membership, Reports, Finance and LCIF. It starts out with your charter date, number of members, number of new members, number of members lost, percentage change, total membership 12 months ago, number of years of service for dropped members. REPORTS- Number of months since last membership report, President rotation years, Officer positions that are not filled. SERVICING- months since last service activity reported. Finance – account balances and LCIF - Donations for current year. Your Zone Chairperson also receives a copy of this report.

Why do we not have 100% compliance with reporting activities? If your club is one of those having difficulty inputting information into MYLCI or MYLION, is it due to insufficient technological knowledge, lack of training or just don't get around to it. If so, we can help you. We can train you, work with you, provide assistance to you. Inputting information is as easy as adding a new member into MYLCI. Total input time for a service activity is around 5 minutes.

Doing a visit to a club, members were asked if they received the monthly newsletter or had they seen the newsletter. They informed me they had not. I Check the club's member info. and noted well over 50% had no information relating to an email address. Last week I was asked by Lion friend who had remarried to check her club info. Her new name was there, however, the new phone number, internet email address and home address had not been changed. We need to ensure that MYLCI information is correct.

The easiest way to provide the monthly newsletter to most of our members is through their email accounts. A copy of the newsletter is forwarded by email to all clubs by the District Governor. Clubs can create a group email account which will allow members with an email account to receive copies of newsletters with just a click of the send key or through individual email. Clubs should see to it that those members without email accounts can view a copy of the newsletters.

New Year resolution to our Clubs: Let's resolve to fix the problems noted above.

The best to each and everyone in the New Year!

FVDG Lion Kermit

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God Bless!

## District Governor Calendar 2022-2023



Don't forget, 2<sup>nd</sup> Half dues are needed in January to LCI and District 29-I. Notices, based on membership data in MyLCI as of midnight, December 31, 2022, will be coming out soon!

### Schedule of Events

#### January

Date	Time	Event	Location
16	6:30 PM	DG Visit with Short Gap	Moose Lodge 271, Wiley Ford
21	10:00 AM	Council of Governors Meeting	Days Inn, Flatwoods

#### 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

### Reported in December 2022



New Member	Club	Sponsor
Steven L Heaster	Bridgeport	James Harki
Lachelle L Jeffries	Bridgeport	James Harki
Larry T. Jeffries	Bridgeport	James Harki
Joseph Jay Larry	Bridgeport	James Mattingly
Caroline Maier	Bridgeport	Annie Bronsak
Mary A Nieman	Bruceton Mills	Peggy Galloway
Rodney L Nieman	Bruceton Mills	Rex Galloway
Melissa A Lehman	Harrison County	Steve Glass
Jean Rinehart	Mountain	Susan Hauser



Deceased Member	Club
H David Gaines	West Milford



## Happenings Around the district



On December 1<sup>st</sup> I was invited to visit with the Romney Lions Club. I had a most wonderful time! The stars of the visit were from the Schools for the Deaf and Blind. We had a marvelous dinner prepared by the ProStart Culinary students.



During the dinner, we were introduced to the Tapestry.



Then we were treated to songs sung by the Blind Tapestry!





While the Blind Tapestry was signing, the Deaf Tapestry was signing the lyrics!



Then Zone Chairperson Linda Adams and I presented 10 Year Monarch Chevrons to Lion President Donna See and Lion Treasurer Larry See.



Next, the three of us presented a 15 Year Monarch Chevron to Lion Roy Knight.



Then we were privileged to present a 30 Year Monarch Chevron to Lion Donna Brown!



At the end of the meeting, we presented two Hearts of Service Certificates and Coins.



The first one was to Linda Corbin, who was a member of the Romney Business and Professional Organization, she was chairman of the yearly Hospice of the Panhandle fundraising auction for many years. She was also chairman of the Community Halloween Party for kids. She is a member of the Peach Festival Planning Committee and also a member of the Save the Barn Committee as well as the Refresh, Restart Romney committee. She was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and during her tenure she volunteered on the Christmas Train ride by putting together the Christmas gift bags for the kids each year. For the last 4 or 5 years she has helped HCP&R with the tree lighting ceremony at Central Hampshire Park and will again be Santa's Helper during the Christmas in Romney weekend.

The second went to Ed Minnis for starting the Care Ministry at Covenant Baptist Church. He organizes teams of church members to assist people who need work done around their homes but are unable to do the work themselves. Ed not only organizes the work projects but also makes sure that all of the necessary materials are available for the job. He is also right in the middle helping with whatever work needs to be done. Ed is the Disaster Relief Coordinator for the Potomac Highlands Association of West Virginia Southern Baptists. During the past seven years, Ed has served on several Disaster Relief teams in West Virginia and surrounding states.



On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Berkeley Springs held its annual Winterfest parade. At the conclusion of the parade Cyruss Cole, age 7, along with Santa and Mrs Claus (our very own PCC John Mason and Lion Kim Mason), lit the Christmas tree on the Fairfax Green.





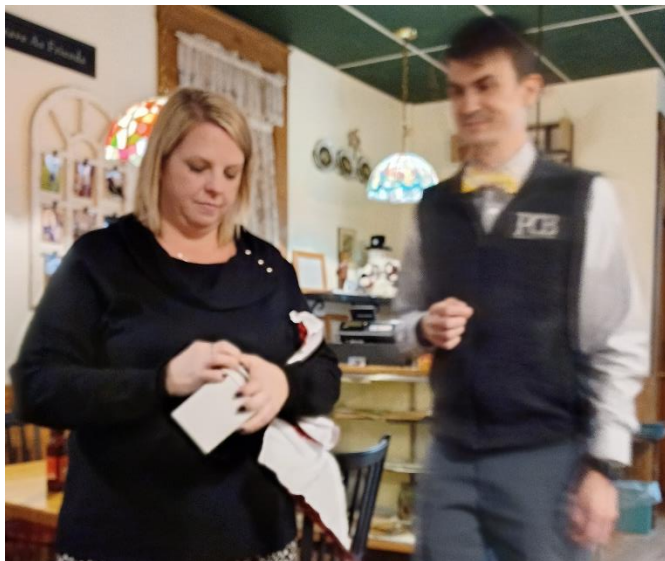


Lions from Lost Creek and West Milford clubs collaborated to do 88 eye screenings at Lost Creek Elementary and South Harrison Middle Schools on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2022.

On December 10<sup>th</sup>, the Shepherdstown Centennial Lions Club hosted their annual Christmas pancake and sausage breakfast and pictures with Santa and his wife Holly (our own PCC John Mason and Lion Kim Mason).



On December 12<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Franklin Lions Club Christmas Party. While there, President Clay Richardson (sorry about the blur, but he's rarely still!!) presented Treasurer Nicole Marsh with the club's Lion of the Year award.



Following that, Clay presented Bob Grimm with a Melvin Jones award from the club. Bob is a retired Navy Corpsman, and a current paramedic and EMT who's a prime helper in any community service activity.







Then, Club President Clay and I were honored to present a 70 year Monarch Chevron and a special certificate to Lion Ed Keller who joined the Franklin Lions Club in September 1952. He's the longest serving Lion in District 29-I! He's also a US Navy veteran who served as a Sea Bee (Construction Battalion) during World War II! What a pleasure to meet him!



In the Zone 8 Lions Clubs Facebook page, which Zone 8 Chair Diana Bedell created, she posted "Good job Stonewood and Bridgeport Lions for spreading the word about Lions in your area Christmas parades. Roar!"



She also posted Christmas greetings from the Nutter Fort and Stonewood Lions Clubs!





## Holiday Service Activities of the Harrison County HOPE Lions Club



On December 13<sup>th</sup> club members from left to right, Laura Cava, Jim Cava, Cindy Glass, and Susan Thomas are shown plating meals to be Served at Mason House in Clarksburg.



On December 14<sup>th</sup> club member Steve Glass helped to deliver meals to residents at Koupal Towers in Clarksburg. Shown in the photo is the club's poster promoting our service.



On December 17<sup>th</sup> club members Allen Ferree, Cindy Glass, Marla Ferree, Ryan Kennedy, Kelly Maher, Jim Maher, and Steve Glass participated in Wreaths Across America at the IOOF Cemetery in Clarksburg.Mall.



Club members Cindy and Steve Glass and Kelly Maher provided candy and craft materials to pre-schoolers on December 20<sup>th</sup> at Meadowbrook



On December 20<sup>th</sup>, the Harrison County HOPE Lions completed their last service project of 2022. Club members Kelly Maher and Cindy and Steve Glass distributed candy and coloring and activity handouts to pre-school children who participated in the Milk and Cookies With Santa event at Meadowbrook Mall.



Merry Christmas from the Bridgeport Lions! 🌲







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# THE RENO REVIEW



DECEMBER 2022

The Latest News & Information for the Reno 2023 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



## NEW ADDITIONS TO THE EXHIBIT AREA

CINDY GREGG, EXHIBITS CHAIRPERSON

While many of you are anxiously preparing for the upcoming holiday season, the 2023 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Committee is actively preparing to make next year's Forum the best ever.

Last month, David Wentworth wrote about the importance of gaining sponsorships and becoming a Friend of the Forum. Exhibitors, too, help to offset the cost of Forum registrations.

This year, the exhibits will be located in the Reno Ballroom, along with the Forum Store, our sponsors, and some of the larger seminars, including Lions University Graduation. This is located across the street from the Silver Legacy, where most of the seminars will occur, and our venue is on the way to the Reno Events Center where our General Sessions and meals will be held.

We are excited to see the return of some of our faithful exhibitors, and to welcome some new ones. Furthermore, all of Lions International's exhibits will be located at the "Lions International Experience" in Ballroom 2. Besides chatting with the LCIF staff, GAT, and other staff members, this is where you can meet the North American Directors to schedule them for a visit to your district.

You'll also want to take advantage of the early registration fee for Louisville by visiting their booth in the front of Ballroom 6. (I believe that many of you will also want to purchase a raffle ticket for a Kentucky long rifle. After all, that would look perfect above your fireplace!)

New to our exhibit area this year is a Scavenger Hunt, where you will visit various exhibitors to get a stamp on a special Exhibitors' Card that you will receive in your registration packet! Once your card is filled with the stamps, you will then be entered into a drawing for a special prize. Read this summer's Forum newsletters to learn additional details about the Scavenger Hunt and to see a complete listing of our Exhibitors.

We're looking forward to greeting you at the Row next September 21-23. In the meantime, I hope that your holidays are safe and full of wonderful memories.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL CHAIR JAMA WAHL



Lions and LEOs,

Lions are a multi-cultural group. We celebrate many different holidays during the upcoming weeks. No matter which holiday is celebrated, several involve the giving of gifts. Finding just the right gift for family and friends can be daunting. Lately, I have heard, "Give the gift of an experience. Make memories that can last a lifetime." Well, the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum has done just that.

A Forum registration can be purchased as a gift for someone else by going to [www.lionsforum.org](http://www.lionsforum.org). Imagine giving another Lion or LEO a gift to experience this amazing leadership development event, taking home with them ideas and skills that will impact their experience not only as a Lion, but for those we serve.

Service to others is key to being a Lion. Why not give a gift that will open many doors to service in our communities, build new and lasting relationships with other similarly-minded individuals and provide the basis for leadership and membership development?

We want to see you Reno!

Up and Away with Leadership

*Jama*





# THE RENO REVIEW



JANUARY 2023

The Latest News & Information for the Reno 2023 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL CHAIR JAMA WAHL



As I turned the calendar over to 2023, it suddenly hit me that the Reno Forum is just eight months away. When you are named General Chair, there is the opportunity to gain knowledge by serving on the Planning Committee and then stepping up to Vice Chair. I have to admit there were moments moving up these chairs when the 2023 Reno Forum seemed a long way away. That is not so anymore.

Fortunately, we have an amazing Planning Committee made up of dedicated Lions willing to take on big leadership roles. And, let's not forget the Host Committee. This committee, led by PDG Linda Wagner-Griffin, is busy promoting the Reno Forum, organizing the volunteers and addressing many details. I know these Lions are working hard to bring our attendees a premier leadership event because I am copied on their emails, participate in their Zoom meetings and share phone calls. Thank you for this dedication!

Then I thought of the Lions who have already made their reservations. Thank you to those who have made these plans already, but what about those Lions who haven't made that choice? My first reaction is...please do not procrastinate like we Lions do sometimes. Yes, I have fallen into that trap myself. Registration information is on our website at [www.lionsforum.org](http://www.lionsforum.org). Check it out now to make those plans.

Then I thought about adding to the Forum experience by extending the visit to Reno for a few days before or after the Forum to see a bit more of The Biggest Little City in the World. What about a trip to nearby Carson City, Lake Tahoe or Virginia City. Whether you drive, fly or take a train, why not consider adding a few days of well-deserved vacation time when making your visit to the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Reno 2023?

We want to see you Reno!

*Up and Away with Leadership*

*Jama*



## RENO ADVENTURES BEFORE AND AFTER

LINDA P. WAGNER-GRIFFIN,  
RENO HOST COMMITTEE CHAIR

Now is the time to start planning on making Reno your destination either before or after the Forum.

There is something for everyone to experience. Reno and its neighboring cities provide excitement and adventure for all attendees and their families. Do you want to do off-road activities, hike or mountain bike? Explore historical and art museums? Try out new restaurants or attend performing arts events? Maybe visit a ghost town, golf or go boating on Lake Tahoe? Then Reno is where you need to be in September 2023.

Reno has a River Walk just steps from The Row, the headquarters for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Stroll along the Truckee River and experience art, shopping and food and drink.

Are you into automobiles? How about visiting the National Automobile Museum, which houses over 200 vehicles from Harrah's automobile collection. Did you ever want to see Elvis' 1973 Cadillac Eldorado, Frank Sinatra's Ghia or John Wayne's 1953 Corvette? Here is your opportunity.

A family activity is the Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum, better known as The Discovery. This is a science center and museum designed for children and adults. There is something for everyone, regardless of age. Imagine 67,000 square feet of hands-on science within walking distance of The Row.

Plans are being made for tours which will include walking tours, self-guided tours and pedicab tours. There really is something for everyone from food and drink to art and history. Keep an eye on the [lionsforum.org](http://lionsforum.org) website for information on tours as it becomes available.

Remember that Reno is known as the "Biggest Little City in the World" and there is something for everyone.

## Don't miss the Lions International Convention in Boston



By PCC Al Cox MD 29 International Convention Chairperson

The 105th Lions Clubs International Convention is happening in Boston, Massachusetts, from July 7 to July 11. There is a lot to do in Boston including tons of history about the American Revolution and the 2.5-mile red brick [Freedom Trail](#)

The city boasts a number of shops and [marketplaces](#). Be sure to visit famous Faneuil Hall comprising of 3 historic market buildings and a promenade featuring a shopping center with many stores & restaurants. Want to catch a game? Then watch the Red Sox at historic [Fenway Park](#).

During the convention, you will have the chance to join Lions from more than 120 countries and geographical areas who will march side-by-side down the streets of Boston during the Parade of Nations. Attend seminars and vote on the association's future. And enjoy event highlights, including the spectacular international show, action-packed plenary sessions, an exciting exhibit hall and more.

The early registration deadline is fast approaching. The fee through January 13<sup>th</sup> is \$175. From January 14<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> the regular registration fee is \$200 and July 1<sup>st</sup> through onsite registration, the fee is \$325. **I need to get a head count, so if you are planning on attending, please let me know by phone at 304-216-5251 or email at anewtc2@ aol.com.**

Come participate in the 105<sup>th</sup> LCI International Convention and enjoy what Boston has to offer, rich history, delicious food, and top notch shopping. To get more info and to register on-line search lionsclubs.org and click on LCICON on the upper right hand of the page.





# 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

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