

## 29I DISTRICT NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2023



### BE OPTIMISTIC

**For Kindness to come from the heart, to be truly genuine rather than arising from a sense of duty, you need to have an optimistic mindset, to be able to see good in life and in people. The best way to cultivate optimism is through focusing on the positive aspects of your life and by being grateful for all that you have. It takes practice!**

October – The beauty of the leaves and the chill of what is coming. Question: What other month always ends on the same day as October? Answer can be found somewhere in the Newsletter.

Club visits in September were limited with three clubs requesting a change and one club cancelling due to a medical situation. I did manage to be a part of the Fort Ashby Sunday get together featuring an indoor picnic at the Annunciation of our Lord Church, Ft Ashby. My presentation and a Boy Scout celebration event were held. Good food, awesome people, and a good time. I also was able to conduct a meeting and induction at the Lumberport Lions Club. Small in number, but they have inducted 12 members in the last two years. Lumberport was chartered in 1927.

Five members of District 29-I attended the Lions Leadership Forum in Reno, Nevada on September 21-23, 2023. In attendance were Lion Judy Harder (my wife), Past International Director (PID) Lion Steve Glass, Zone Chairperson Brendan Byrne and past District Governor (PDG) Lion Gray Jones & wife, Shelley and myself. The forum Seminars and accommodation for most was at the Siver Legacy casino and hotel. The hotel was 47 stories high and consisted of over 1700 rooms. The Forum consisted of 88 group/ meetings, seminars over three days. Topics ranged from an autopsy of a Deceased Lions Club (Why Lions Clubs Die) to Succession Planning "The Future Starts Today". A total of 10 seminars is all you were able to attend. All seminars were filled with Lions members. Judy and I met our Conference Speaker Internationals Director Marie Cuning and had lunch with her and had a nice visit.

One of the District Goals is to create a succession training program. The goal is to Identify 10 Lion members to begin succession training for possible leadership positions in the future. I got to thinking this is not okay. I think it falls far short of what we need. Every club, also the district, will have new people assuming leadership roles each year. Many move into leadership roles with a limited knowledge of the position and the responsibilities of that position. It is not just those coming into the positions, it is also some of those currently in those positions that need training. As I visit clubs and work with my Zone Chairpersons, I am concerned that some individuals who have several years as Officers in Charge don't fully understand their role and responsibility of the positions they have. Training should begin with the

orientation training for new members, continue through the mentoring program, and to club members progressing to Club Officers. Succession training can begin with courses in the International portal (Learn). Example: if a Vice President desires to become the president of his club, they can go into the learn portal select those courses pertaining to club president and take them along with the management courses available. Any Lion can bring up the training available and take the training. There are approximately 40 online courses available. Any training courses taken in the learn portal becomes a part of your training information at the International. Also, local training can be listed in your Lion's portfolio. The Global Leadership chairperson can input your information. We will be working with clubs to get members started on succession training. If you have any questions on accessing the information in the learn portal, contact me or Lion Gray Jones, Global Leadership Chairperson (GLT). Note: Club Presidents, secretaries, treasurer and membership chairpersons, part of your ongoing training is taking the courses designated for your position in the learn portal. Our scheduled seminars for presidents and secretaries will begin in the near future. All presidents and secretaries are expected to attend. There are changes coming and things are just not the same. We need to keep you current. Those not attending will be asked to attend one of the other sessions. If unable to attend, please contact us prior to the time of the course, don't just not show up. I am still looking for enthusiastic Lions wishing to move past the club level for sessions training. If you are that person or know of someone, please let me know. Note: club presidents and secretaries as part of your job responsibilities you are expected to attend Zone meetings.

It won't be long until our District Conference. The conference is on October 20 and 21. Friday Oct 20 is our "Meet and Greet" time with dinner and entertainment. The agenda is not completed as I write this, however; I do know that we will have a Lions member speaking to us about his trip to Honduras, a member of the Sight Foundation speaking to us, Past International Director (PID) Steve Glass seminar and our International Director (ID) Lion Marie Cuning holding a seminar on Marketing and updating us on International President (IP) Dr. Patti Hill's focus on Mission 1.5, environment and LCIF. Clubs, please send a representative from your club to the conference. The meeting, seminars and all-around good time is well worth the time and expense. Registration and parade of check forms are located in the newsletter.

Please visit the following Multi-District web sites: <https://wvlions.org/resources>: All three WV Districts are in there and if you click on District 29-I, you will be able to look at or print our District's Club Directory and District Cabinet Directory. There are Club Officer's Training Booklets in there as well as a lot of Resource material. A Big Thank You to Kathy Syphers. Also check out the District 29I site <https://e-district.org/sites/29i/>: The district directory is included there along with information on training and other resource material.

Our five senses are incomplete.

Without the sixth –a sense of humor.

Busy people always have time for one more thing.

Don't be afraid to ask dumb questions.

Better to ask a dumb question than a dumb mistake.

Have a great month and a Happy Halloween.

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See you at the Conference.



# \*\*\* Vice-District Governors \*\*\*

A special Election was held in Fort Ashby on Saturday, September 30, 2023. Please Congratulate our Vice-District Governors for 29I.

L to R: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-District Governor Greg Greenwalt, Moorefield Lions Club, DG Kermit Hawley, and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-District Governor Kim Mason, Berkeley Springs Lions Club (and future Lion member Jack)



CONGRATULATIONS





PDG Daniel Elkins & Lion Judy Harder

## USA/Canada Lions Forum



DG Kermit, Lion Judy, Lion Brendan, Lion Rachel and Past International Director Larry Johnson



Lions Judy and Shelley, Lion Brendan, DG Kermit, PDG Gray & Past International Director Steve Glass



Florida Lion, DG Kermit, Lion Judy, Lion Rosemarie, International Director Marie Cuning, 2 other Lions





Lion Floyd Smith singing to the crowd one evening. He was so GOOD!!

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District Governor Kermit Hawley on the Kingwood Lions Club float  
at the Buckwheat Festival in Kingwood





The Nutter Fort Lions Club and the Salem University Baseball Team cleaned up Rt 98 during "Adopt a Highway" program



Valley District Lions Club has been busy for the past month!

We completed our Fall roadside cleanup along a 2.5 mile stretch along Route 7 in Preston County. With 7 Lions members and 2 volunteers a total of 22 bags of trash were collected. Pictured are Max Cain volunteer, Lions Dave Damewood, Kermit Hawley, Carrie Long- Cress, Steve Martin volunteer, Lions Donald Hawley, Don Kenyon and George Street, Lorrie Nielsen, not pictured.



On September 11, we officially welcomed our newest member, Don Kenyon. Pictured below are Lion Judy Harder, sponsor, Lion Don Kenyon, and Lion Carrie Long-Cress, president, who performed the induction ceremony.



Lion Paul McBee served homemade breakfast burritos, pepperoni rolls and juice to the Masontown volunteer fire department while they did their annual boot brigade fundraiser. Lion Paul also provides freshly baked food to neighbors and people in need in the area.

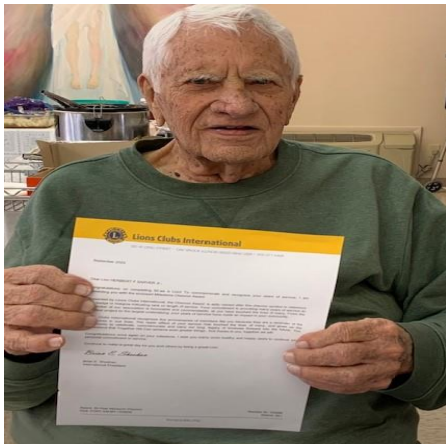




## FORT ASHBY VISIT



DG Kermit installing new Fort Ashby Lions Club Members



Fort Ashby Lions Club Member Herb Sarver receives 50 Year Milestone Chevron Award



Club President Rob Bright, Leonard Jenner Recipient Lion Member Renee Douthitt, DG Kermit Hawley





## LET'S GET STARTED!!

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PLASTIC RECYCLING PROJECT IN DISTRICT 29-I

Our International President, Dr. Patti Hill, is giving all clubs/members an environmental challenge this year. Thus, your District Director, Kermit Hawley, is challenging all clubs/members to join with him and IP Dr. Hill as a "service" project for your clubs and our District to help create a cleaner, greener environment.

By collecting plastic, we can do this!!

Please assign someone within your clubs to go the website: <https://nextrex.com> and select "Recycling Challenge", which will take them to "Registering" their name and the club's name under "Community" This website will also show what items cannot be recycled.

Besides cleaning up our environment, you can win a beautiful Trex Bench for your community. Isn't that exciting?? After a certain amount of plastic is collected, a bench will be sent to the club. We suggest you put a Lion Logo with your club's name on the bench. *"Great way to advertise your club"!!*

Following is a page showing what can be recycled and how the challenge works. The person that is responsible for your club for collection will then package and drop off at any of the following WV locations:

Food Lion, Giant Eagle, Giant, Kohls, Martins, Target or Weis

Helpful hint:

You will receive up to three recycling bins, so advertise and ask your local communities to help you recycle, including your schools.

Any further questions: Please contact Judy Harder at 304-698-9387 or [hudie@atlanticbb.net](mailto:hudie@atlanticbb.net).

More information can be obtained at our upcoming District 29-I Conference in Canaan Valley Resort on October 20 & 21.



## NexTrex Recycling Challenge

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**How does the challenge work?**

- Register on [NexTrex.com](http://NexTrex.com) to obtain access to the Trex Portal
- Determine a 12-month collection time period
- Collect a minimum of 1,000 lbs.
- Report recycling totals at [mytrex.com](http://mytrex.com)

• Weigh, record and attached pictures

• Deliver the collected plastic film to a participating retailer (see list) for recycling

*Stores prefer smaller and more frequent amounts in the provided bin. Please contact store ahead of time with larger amounts.*

**What does Trex provide?**

- Up to three recycling bins
- Posters

**What can I win?**



*Trex Bench*

**What can be recycled?**  
*All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.*

 Grocery bags	 Bread bags	 Bubble wrap	 Dry cleaning bags	 Newspaper sleeves	 Ice bags	 Plastic shipping envelopes
 Ziploc & other reclosable food storage bags	 Cereal bags	 Case overwrap	 Salt bags	 Pallet wrap & stretch film	 Wood pellet bags	 Produce bags

Register on the website [NexTrex.com](http://NexTrex.com)



**LCIF**  
**DISTRICT 29-I**  
**August, 2023**

During 2022-2023, LCIF raised \$68 MILLION dollars worldwide. This year, 2023-2024, Chairman Brian's goal is \$75 Million. We are off to a good start.

I recently participated in a LCIF Strategy Session in Rosemont, IL where we raised over \$300,000 in just 4 days amongst 250 fellow Lions. Just imagine what can be accomplished in 365 days with over 1.3 million Lions worldwide.

As the District Chairperson for the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) our goal has been set a goal to raise \$39,258. Last year club's and individuals in District I contributed \$28,222. I plan to work closely with clubs, zones, and individuals to accomplish this task.

Can you spare \$0.10/day? I am asking each Lion in District 29-I to donate just that amount to LCIF.

PCC John L. Mason  
 District 29-I LCIF Coordinator





# Ways to Give



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**



## Donate online

[lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive](https://lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive)



## Make a Pledge

[lionsclubs.jotform.com/90524105483149](https://lionsclubs.jotform.com/90524105483149)



## Mail

Mail U.S. Checks, drawn from a U.S. bank and payable to LCIF, to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation  
Department 4547  
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

*Visit [lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive](https://lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive) for mailing in Canada and India.*



## Wire transfer

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.  
ABA Routing Number: 021000021  
10 S. Dearborn St.  
Account Name: Lions Clubs International Foundation  
Chicago, IL 60603 USA  
Account Number: 754487312  
Swift International Banking number: CHASUS33

Email a copy of your receipt or transfer form – along with your name, Member ID, club name, and district name – to [donorassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:donorassistance@lionsclubs.org). If requesting recognition for someone else, please include the recipient's name, Member ID, club name, and district name.



## Contact Donor Services

For assistance, contact Donor Services at +1.630.203.3836 or [donorassistance@lionsclubs.org](mailto:donorassistance@lionsclubs.org).



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## Presidential LCIF Supporter

### Recognizing individual generosity

At LCIF, we deeply value the incredible generosity of our individual donors. To honor your commitment and support, we are thrilled to introduce the Presidential LCIF Supporter program. This initiative aims to recognize and celebrate individuals who have contributed with heart and soul, making a significant impact on our mission.

By participating in the annual program, you become an integral part of our honored supporters. Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) credits will be earned based on the one-time donation amount you provide. Your generosity not only earns you well-deserved recognition but also helps us make a lasting difference in the lives of those in need.



## Presidential Club Giving Award for LCIF

### Recognizing your club's generosity

At LCIF, we value the incredible generosity of our members. As a token of our appreciation, we are thrilled to introduce the Presidential Club Giving Award for LCIF program. This initiative aims to recognize clubs that have demonstrated outstanding commitment and support by contributing to our cause on a per-member average basis throughout the fiscal year.

By participating in this recognition program, your club has the opportunity to join a prestigious circle of dedicated supporters. Your contributions make a significant impact on our mission, enabling us to serve our community and beyond.





## LCIF Presidential Award for Goal Achievement

### Recognizing excellence

At LCIF, we take pride in acknowledging the exceptional dedication and commitment of our district governors, district coordinators, council chairpersons, multiple district coordinators and area leaders. The LCIF Presidential Award medal is a prestigious recognition bestowed upon those who achieve the LCIF goal set by the foundation within a fiscal year.

The LCIF Presidential Award medal celebrates leaders who have made an extraordinary impact on our mission and the communities we serve. Their dedication and achievements inspire others to follow in their footsteps and make a difference.





DISTRICT 29 I CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 20-21, 2023  
CANAAN VALLEY RESORT

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

COST: \$60-Friday evening, Saturday all day, Includes: dinner Friday, lunch and dinner Saturday  
\$45-Saturday all day includes: lunch and dinner.

EVENTS: Friday Evening-Entertainment, music, dancing, refreshments  
Saturday- silent auction, lunch entertainment, seminars, service projects, Special  
Recognitions, parade of checks.

**\*IF ANYONE HAS SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS, PLEASE LIST THEM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IS THIS YOUR FIRST CONFERENCE** \_\_\_YES\_\_\_NO.

**HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN A LION** \_\_\_\_\_?

**ROOMS: \$129 A NIGHT** CALL FOR RESERVATIONS: 304-866-4121 AND DIAL 0 FOR  
RESERVATIONS MENTION THE OCTOBER LIONS CLUB GROUP.

HOWEVER IF MAKING RESERVATIONS ONLINE USE THIS LINK: MUST BE BY Sept. 20 if doing  
online. <https://www.canaanresort.com/book-now?pid=23893> enter check out date Group code:  
1033PK After Sept 20 use above phone number.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE LIONS DISTRICT 29I CONFERENCE: Need by Oct 13<sup>th</sup>.**

**SEND TO: PCC SUE LONG, P.O. BOX 988, FORT ASHBY, WV 26719**



PARADE OF CHECKS  
DISTRICT 29- I FALL CONFERENCE  
OCTOBER 20-21, 2023

Please complete this form and return it to the Treasurer (at the address below) or via e-mail by Monday October 16, 2023. **Individual checks should be made out to each program as listed.** Checks may be presented to the Cabinet Treasurer at the registration desk on Friday evening or Saturday morning. Clubs not attending the conference should mail checks to the Cabinet Treasurer Lion Linda Huggins. Please email her the donation amounts at: (lc.huggins@hotmail.com) Each club will be recognized at the banquet and the amounts donated will be acknowledged provided this procedure is followed.

PROGRAMS

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF)	\$_____
WV LIONS SIGHT CONSERVATION Foundation (WVLSCF)	\$_____
DIABETES	\$_____
YOUTH EXCHANGE	\$_____
MD - DEAF & BLIND RECREATION AND SKI PROGRAM	\$_____
ROMNEY D&B STUDENT WORK PROGRAM	\$_____
LEADER DOGS	\$_____
PILOT DOGS	\$_____
DISASTER RELIEF	\$_____
QUEST	\$_____
OTHER	\$_____

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lion Linda Huggins  
220 Miller Rd.  
Kingwood, W.V. 26537

TOTAL

DONATIONS

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#### WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE 291 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

FRIDAY EVENING: REGISTRATION STARTS AT 3:00 – ASPEN ROOM

SILENT AUCTION DROP OFF – 3:00 TO 5:30 -SPRUCE ROOM

COLLECTION OF CLUB- GIFT CARDS FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER- ASPEN

PARADE OF CHECKS COLLECTION - ASPEN

DINNER FROM 6:00PM - 7:30PM - BALSAM

8:00PM – 10:00PM with MUSIC - MAPLE

FOOD & DRINKS, DANCING, DOOR PRIZES

#### SATURDAY

MORNING: BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN - 7:30AM

8:00- 12:00 - REGISTRATION – ASPEN ROOM

8:00AM – 4:00PM SILENT AUCTION - SPRUCE

9:00AM – 10:45AM - DISTRICT CABINET MEETING – PINE ROOM

11:00 – 11:25 – INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR MARIE CUNNING AND CLUB PRESIDENTS MEETING

11:30AM – 1:00PM - LUNCH – MAPLE – SPECIAL GUESTS AND MUSIC

1:30PM – 2:30PM - PINE ROOM-SEMINAR I – INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR MARIE CUNNING-“MARKETING YOUR CLUB”

2:45PM – 3:45PM- PINE ROOM - SEMINAR II – PAST INTERNATIONAL STEVE GLASS –“ COMPLIANT AND ETHICAL LEADERSHIP” - LET CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS AND POLICY ENHANCE YOUR PERFORMANCE.

4:00PM STRIDES WALK- LOBBY

4:30PM SERVICE PROJECTS – GLASSES – GIFT CARD AND MAKING CHEERFUL NOTES TO CHILDREN

6:00PM RECEPTION FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR MARIE CUNNING - ASPEN



6:30PM – 8:30PM DINNER - MAPLE

SERVICE PROJECTS: BRING USED GLASSES, GIFT CARDS FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER FAMILIES, MONEY FOR STRIDES WALK

BRING BANNERS AND AUCTION ITEMS IF YOU WISH!!!!!!!!!!

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**Hello Lions! At the 29I Fall Conference, October 20-21, at Canaan Valley Resort, one of the service projects will be a collection of donations to benefit the children (and families) undergoing treatment at WVU Medicine Children's Hospital – Pediatric Hematology Oncology Unit. You may remember donating to this project two years ago.**

**This year, clubs and individual Lions can contribute in two ways:**

- 1. Donations of pre-paid gift cards from Visa, Kroger, Wal-Mart or chain restaurants in the Morgantown area. Denominations of \$25, \$50 or more are welcome. The cards provide some financial relief to families who are struggling to cope with the monetary and emotional costs they are dealing with. The gift cards are used for gas, food etc.**
- 2. Individual servings of microwave mac and cheese, Goldfish crackers, Cheez-its, granola bars, fruit cups, Capri Sun drinks, and juice boxes - No soda or water.**

**If you or your club want to donate, but can't be at this year's Fall Conference, you can send it with another club in your area or arrange with District Governor Kermit or me to receive your donations. All donations will be delivered to the hospital within the week following the Fall Conference. Our contact at WVU Children's is Anita Graham, Social Worker at the Pediatric Blood and Cancer Center.**

**Thank you for considering this worthwhile project. As Lions, we can't cure cancer, but we can provide support and relief!**

***PCC Cindy Glass, 29I Childhood Cancer Chairperson- Contact: 304-203-2006 or [cinwa130@gmail.com](mailto:cinwa130@gmail.com).***

## Youth Exchange Reflections



Travis Henry

While in Germany, I was exposed to many aspects of German life and culture, some of which were really no different than here in the United States, and some aspects that were a shock to me. Most of my exposure was during my ten-day period with my host family, the Fungipanis, and with their son, Gianni. Early June was the time when German seniors were graduating and making their final memories in High School before moving on, and I got to experience most of these events first-hand.

First, I'll quickly summarize the things that were the same. Food, drinks, clothing, cars, movies, and especially music were no different than they are here in America, with American influence able to be seen in every corner of German society. On one occasion, at the party celebrating their graduation, the song YMCA by the Village People was played, and naturally I did the arm movement alongside it. A friend of my host brother said, "oh, you know the dance," and all I could think was, "of course, we invented it!" Music was by far the biggest similarity, as there really were no German songs played at any event or on the radio, the artists were Taylor Swift, Ed Sheeran, Katy Perry, Elton John, and other major American and British singers, that dominated the scene. They even regularly play Country Roads. As for clothing and the like, most Germans wear American brands: American Eagle, A&F, Tommy Hilfiger, Nike, and many more. On most occasions, shopkeepers and clerks would assume I knew and was German simply because there was no telling the difference between our styles of dress. In many aspects of German society, we are nearly identical.

As for the differences, it is nearly impossible to put into words. There are some fundamental aspects of how Germans act, think, and work that are inherently different from us, and are not really something that could be understood unless you experienced it firsthand. Something that stuck out to me, although pretty saddening in my opinion, was the utter lack of respect people not of Christian faiths experienced, particularly those of the Islamic faith. At the school I shadowed at, I was told a story about one of the students who was caught slipping off to a janitor's closet to pray thrice a day in accordance with her faith, and when she was caught, the school refused to accommodate her, and simply put her in a Christian Education class and called it a day. This was not a private school either, this was a publicly funded, government school, and all I could think was how such a thing would never be tolerated here, and how everyone, regardless of faith or background, would receive the same rights to practice everywhere. From what I saw, this was not an isolated case either, and while a sad note

to bring up in the essay, I do believe it is important to mention, as the goal of the Lions Club International is to foster understanding and respect between cultures, and some of what I witnessed in Germany was the exact antithesis of that goal. On a less serious note as that, some more minor things I noticed was Germans typically kept to themselves more, nodding to someone as you pass them on the street, or waving to a stranger are not commonplace, and doing so would often net you strange looks. On the other hand, Germans were much friendlier when it came to crossing the street or biking, with them not hesitating to stop their cars and yield the right of way to any pedestrians at any time, compared to the wait you would often get here in America. Germans are also strangely strict about their laws, not in the sense of serious crimes, but acts such as jaywalking are frowned upon, and even if the road is completely clear for miles, you are still expected to wait for the light to signal you to cross the road. In summary, the differences in American and German society, for the most part, are small quirks that I noticed with my time there, but the biggest differences, like the disregard for other culture's customs, are by far the most glaring issues. I owe most of my thanks to my host brother Gianni for explaining these cultural differences to me, as he has spent some time in America himself and could educate me well on the topic.

I'll end my essay with a quick run through of all I did during my times abroad. With my host family, most of our time was spent at parties and celebrations for graduation, where the local area (The Sauerland) had some pretty unique customs. First, the rival schools, Plettenberg (the town I stayed in,) and the neighboring town of Attendorn engaged in tree plantings, where the teams from each side raced to see who could plant all of their trees first. Another was a party where groups of people bought cheap beater cars that would not pass another inspection to spray paint and decorate to a theme of their choosing, before driving them around town in a parade. Around this time, a celebration known as Schutzenfest was going on, which was just a parade followed by target shooting, where the most accurate would be crowned King. I also went to school for a couple days while over there, which I enjoyed, but ultimately came to the conclusion that I am grateful I went through the American school system. The next stage was the actual camp, and here I met many people from around the world, a couple of whom I have been actively keeping in touch with, and have tentative plans to see again in a few months. The countries represented at this camp were: America, Israel, Mexico, Ireland, Hungary, Italy, Turkey, Georgia, Canada, and Moldova. We all got the opportunity to present our nations and make food for the group, and many of us found ourselves to have more in common with each other than we initially thought. As a group we did many team-building exercises, and by the end of the camp, we all worked fairly well together and had a solid rapport. As a camp, we traveled around cities like Dusseldorf and Gelsenkirchen as we learned more about German society and overall just toured various parts of western Germany. The farewell party was ultimately the



highlight, even if pretty depressing, as we all had one last party together as a camp and with our host families, and said our goodbyes as we funneled out to the airport one at a time.

In retrospect, I learned a lot about German society and culture during my time with the exchange, far more than what can be achieved simply by reading or watching videos. Even still, roughly two weeks since returning home, I find myself comparing and contrasting life in Germany to here back home. Of course, not all of this was positive, I had mentioned the glaring disrespect for foreign cultures that was seemingly institutionalized in German society, something that was especially abhorrent to someone coming from a relatively diverse town of many immigrants from many different cultures and faiths. On the other hand though, the wide variety of young people I met at the camp, all of whom had some form of common ground with each other, and who did genuinely respect each other's differences, inspired a hope that, in time, these divides would heal. Ultimately, I believe that my generation will be the ones to finally bridge these gaps, and that the Lions Youth Exchange will help greatly in those endeavors. I am thankful for the scholarship for providing me with the opportunity to take part, and I hope to participate in another exchange, and I hope that the program continues to grow, and that more people take part in it.

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**Tennerton Lions Club**  
**2023 Annual Fund Raiser**  
Drawing Held the First Saturday in November

FIRST TICKET DRAWN: Savage Arms Axis II Bolt Action Rifle w/Scope  
(Combo .270 Win. Black) Donated by Jenkins Ford

SECOND TICKET DRAWN: Custom Hunting Knife

THIRD TICKET DRAWN: Trail Camera

**\$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5**  
Proceeds to Benefit Tennerton Lions Club Charitable Programs  
Need Not be Present to Win

  
We Serve

Contact any Tennerton Lions Club Member for a Ticket  
or Email the club at [tennertonlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:tennertonlionsclub@gmail.com)

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/5SrjWwYtL257U1aA>>, contact your local club  
president, or contact District 29I Diabetes Chairperson Lion  
Brendan Byrne at [lionbrendanbyrne@gmail.com](mailto:lionbrendanbyrne@gmail.com)

# **DISTRICT GOVERNOR CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2023-2024**

## **OCTOBER**

**OCT 3 @ 630PM ZONE 5 TRAINING ON SPOT MACHINE, TENNERTON METHODIST CHURCH**

**OCT 4 @ 8:00AM EYE MACHINE TO AURORA SCHOOL**

**OCT 5 @ 6:00PM DG VISIT, BRIDGEPORT, NUTTER FORT, GRAFTON & STONEWOOD LIONS CLUBS, MARRIOTT HOTEL, JERRY DOVE DR OFF OF 1-79**

**OCT 8 @ 7:00PM, ZOOM MEETING, LEADERSHIP RETREAT**

**OCT 10 @ 6:30PM, DG VISIT, JANE LEW LIONS CLUB, FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, JANE LEW**

**OCT 11 @6:30PM DG VISIT, LOST CREEK & JOHNSTOWN LIONS CLUB, LOST CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**OCT 12 @ 6:00PM DG VISIT, HOPE LIONS CLUB, BRIDGESTONE BAR & GRILL IN BRIDGEPORT**

**OCT 17 @ 7:00PM, ZOOM MEETING, LEADERSHIP**

**OCT 20-22 DISTRICT 29I CONFERENCE, CANAAN VALLEY RESORT**

**OCT 21 SECOND CABINET MEETING, CANAAN VALLEY RESORT**

**OCT 23 @ 6:30PM, DG VISIT, PHILIPPI AND JUNIOR LIONS CLUB, LIGHT OF CHRIST CHAPEL, 11 E CRIM AVE, BELINGTON WV**

**OCT 24 @ 6:30PM, DG VISIT, BERKELEY SPRINGS LION CLUB**

**OCT 27 @ 12:00PM, DG VISIT, CLARKSBURG LIONS CLUB, BRICKSIDE BAR AND GRILL, BRIDGEPORT**

## **NOVEMBER**

**NOV 2 @ 6:30PM, DG VISIT, MOUNTAIN LIONS CLUB, LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED**

**NOV 3-4 DISTRICT C CONFERENCE, PIPESTEM STATE PARK**

**NOV 9 @ 6:30PM, DG VISIT, BRUCETON MILLS LIONS CLUB, SENIOR CENTER, BRUCETON**

**NOV 13 @ 6:30PM, DG VISIT, WEST MILFORD LIONS CLUB, COMMUNITY CENTER, MAIN STREET, WEST MILFORD**

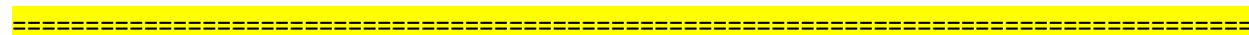
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DECEASED MEMBER	CLUB
Jonathan D Frye	Short Gap



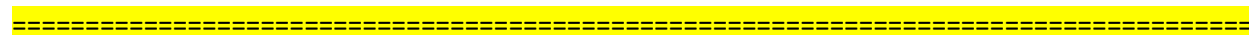
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Teresa A Welty	Mountain	Delores Stemple
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