

## 291 DISTRICT NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2024



To all my Lion Friends and Families, HAPPY NEW YEAR! Have the best year ever! May your New Year be filled with joys, celebrations, accomplishments, energy, motivation and kindness.

The first six months have been a huge learning experience as your District Governor. I have had the pleasure of visiting over half of our Lion clubs in the district. I am amazed at what some of the clubs have been doing and I am also concerned about the viability of some of our clubs. To the Clubs that I have visited, "Thank You" for your hospitality and friendship.

Looking back over the last six months and the goals we established at the District Level, we have a long way to go. I am sure the same situation exists for many of our Lion clubs. So, let's "team up" and put our collective energy into accomplishing our goals. Congratulations goes out to the Berkeley Springs Peace Poster winner, Casey Canoles, of the Warm Springs Middle School. The poster also won in the Multiple District Contest and is at International for their review.

I have received 176 Chevrons which have been or will be delivered to the Zone Chairs and Clubs for presentation. We have been sending and presenting a "welcome package" to all new members (less than one year membership). This packet contains a Welcome Letter along with a New Member Orientation Guide and A Standard Club Structure form. So far, approximately 100 of these packets have been delivered. A hold was placed on completing this mission due to not having enough New Member Orientation Guides. However, I just received a shipment of another hundred guides, so we will be continuing the process. Each new member having an email account receives a copy of the Lions Standard Club Constitution and Bylaws.

Five scholarship applications have been received and awarded to the Leadership Retreat in January.

We are now in the second half of our 2023-2024 Lion's Year. I have been reviewing information regarding our clubs and have some statistical information to present. List of Club Positions that are vacant: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President = 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President = 20, Membership = 15, LCIF Position = 30, Servicing = 33, and Marketing = 36. We have one club which has a vacancy in both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President positions. These positions are there to provide your Club with the best chance of being a very productive club. Each one has a reason for its existence. Take marketing, growing your club is dependent upon club members getting the word out to the public (Marketing/public relations). It is a lot easier to have someone in

charge of a committee that can put emphasis on developing a marketing plan for your club. Service committees coordinate your service projects. Membership Chairs along with membership committees, work on ways to keep members and attract new members. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president is also your Leadership Chairperson.

We emphasize Leadership and Leadership training, yet we leave leadership positions unfilled. We have at the District Level a Global Action Team, consisting of a GST (Global Servicing Team), GLT (Global Leadership Team), and a GMT (Global Membership Team). They are here to interact with the Club's Servicing Team, Leadership Team and Membership Team. You notice the word "TEAM." "WE ARE A TEAM!"

Some good news is that I visited the Romney Lions Club on December 7, with the meeting being held at the WV School for the Deaf and Blind. Also attending was my wife, Lion Judy, and Past District CC's Doug and Sue Long. The meal was prepared by the students at the school. Lion DeeDee Mulledy was presented with a New Member Welcome packet, the New Membership Orientation Guide and Welcome Letter from the District Governor. They also had two other new members that were not in attendance, but will receive the packets, etc. from the President of the Club. A 50 Year Chevron was presented to Lion Brian Bowman for his years of Lion service along with a letter from International President, Patti Hill.

The visit to the Parson Lions Club on December 12<sup>th</sup>, was an awesome Christmas Dinner with more food than one could consume. The meeting was joyful with prizes being won by club members. A "Leonard Jarrett" award was presented to Club President, Lion Paul Nestor, and a "Melvin Jones Fellowship" was given to Lion Keith Lipscomb.

Remember: Lion members of the District Cabinet and myself are here to support you and provide assistance when needed. We are a "TEAM!" Together, we can accomplish a great deal. Let's make our New Year Resolution to be motivated, positive and enthusiastic about Lionism and Club Activities. Be involved in your club programs and servicing activities. Remember to report your activities. Let the world know what you are all about. Most of all, enjoy being a Lion and have fun!

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My Cell: 681-270-0211

GOD BLESS!







DG Kermit visited Parsons Club and awarded Paul Nestor, President (on the left) with a Leonard Jarrett award. On Kermit's right is Keith Lipscomb who received LCIF's highest award, a Melvin Jones Fellowship for outstanding service.



DG Kermit congratulating new Romney club member, Dee Dee Mulledy with a letter and new Orientation Guide booklet (left photo). DG Kermit congratulating Brian Bowman of the Romney club with a chevron for his 50 years with LCI and a letter from International President, Patti Hill (right photo).



The Valley District Lions Club, in conjunction with West Preston School, has announced the winner of the November Student of the Month. Cashden Ward was nominated by his teacher, Mrs. Summer Lipscomb. Cashden received a certificate and a \$50 cash prize. Pictured below, left to right are, Cashden's parents Lonie Ward and Shelly Livengood, Cashden, Mrs. Lipscomb and Lions Lorrie Nielsen and Paul McBee.



Valley District Lions Club participated in the 2023-2024 Lions International Peace Poster Contest, Dare to Dream. There were 72 students who participated in Mrs. Kim Shaffer's art classes at West Preston School.

First place went to Sydney Curtis, pictured below with Lion Judy Harder. Of course, there's quite a story of what Sydney has gone through this past year and deeply touched Judy's heart. So, of course, in "Judy's" loving tradition, she also gave Sydney one of her beautiful quilts, which brought tears to Sydney's eyes.



Second place went to Hayden Pauley, pictured with Lion Lorrie Nielsen (left photo).

Third place went to Isabella Edmunds, pictured with Lion Lorrie Nielsen (right photo).



# **Wardensville Lions Club**

## **Ring the Bell**



**All Proceeds will go to the  
Wardensville Food Pantry**



**When: November 20, 2023 thru December 23, 2023**

**Where: Kerr's Grocery Store**

If you would like to volunteer to help ring the bell please contact

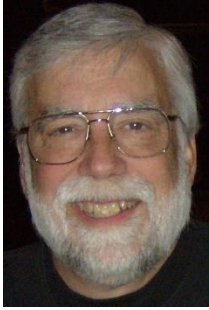
Lorrie or Henry Krautwurst

301-467-9868 or 301-467-1032

Wardensville Lions Club undertook a new project inspired by the Valley District Lions Club, Ring the Bell. You all know where Ring the Bell comes from. Thank you, Salvation Army.

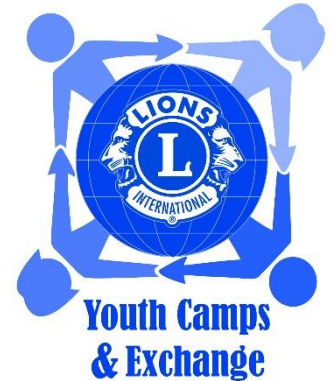
Our club began ringing the bell on November 20, 2023, and through December 11, 2023, in 14 days of ringing with 2-2hour periods each day we have collected over \$2,200.00 in support of the Wardensville Food Pantry.

Our small town has really turned out in support of the food pantry. While ringing the bell our members and non-member volunteers are the face of our Lions club in the community and people who have donated are happy to know that their donation will stay in and help those in need within the community.



### Youth Exchange

On Saturday December 2, 2023, Lion Lorrie and I met with Lions Randy Foster and Bob Sowa of the Gassaway Lions Club along with long time Youth Exchange associate, Denver Drake. We met at the Gassaway United Methodist Church where we would interview 11 students vying for one of the six WV Lions International Youth Exchange scholarships to travel abroad during the summer of 2024.



The interview committee of Denver Drake, Lions Lorrie Krautwurst, Randy Foster & Bob Sowa had the difficult task of interviewing the students and selecting the six to receive a scholarship. Having been on the interview committee in the past I can attest to how difficult the selection process is. The students we see are from all over the state and are all outstanding in their academic achievements and involvement in extra-curricular and community activities.

The interview started at 9:15 am and ended at 4:10 pm. Six students were awarded a \$1,600.00 travel scholarship. They review the Lions Youth Camps & Exchange directory on the Lions website and select a country and a camp they wish to attend and then the exchange process begins.

Three scholarship winners were able to remain to the end of the day. Pictured L-R is Elizabeth Williams of Moorefield, Dominick Cabrera of Bruceton Mills and Sofiah Boesenske of Benwood, WV. Also selected winners are Madelyn Brown of Beckley, Danielle Scantlin of Evans, Adelina Zizzi of Morgantown.

The youth exchange program can only operate where host families are available in the participating countries. I need help identifying host families for those students wishing to visit WV. Exchanges are during the summer months and generally last for 4 weeks. When we send our students abroad the receiving countries often send a student or two to WV. Please contact me with the names of those families wishing to encounter an experience of a life time. Where you ask do you find a good host family? Talk with your families, friends, co-workers, and church families. Lorrie and I have hosted 8 students since 2013 and we continue to stay in touch with them. Just a few weeks ago we had a one-hour call with Meylin from Peru who stayed with us in 2013 & 2014. Don't be afraid to encounter an experience that will forever enhance your life.



Photos from the Bridgeport Lions. Top two - bell ringing in Bridgeport for Salvation Army and 2nd participating in Bridgeport Christmas parade. Last photo is members of Bridgeport Lions and Harrison County HOPE Lions working booth during Bridgeport's Light Up Night.





## **LIONS OF WEST VIRGINIA LEADERSHIP RETREAT - KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**



Saturday Evening - Past International Director Larry L. Edwards, from Altoona, Pennsylvania, USA was elected to serve as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 102nd International Convention, held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019.

Past Director Edwards retired in 2016 after working 45 years in the banking industry. As a former bank executive, he directed operational requirements for nine large bank mergers as well as developed new commercial banking product lines and their supporting technologies.

As a member of the Harris Township Lions Club since 2018, he first joined in 2005 as part of the Lakemont Lions Club. Past Director Edwards has held a number of offices within the association including multiple district council chairperson and as part of the multiple district State Convention Election Committee. He is also president of the Blair County Lions Sight Conservation Foundation.

In recognition of his service, Past Director Edwards has received numerous recognitions including several International President's Awards. Past Director Edwards is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Edwards is director of the Central Pennsylvania National Guard & Veterans Association, former treasurer of the Blair County United Way, and member of the Blair County Chamber of Commerce. Past Director Edwards is also an Eagle Scout and past board member and district chairman for Boy Scouts of America. Past Director Edwards and his wife Susan, a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Lion of PA Fellow, have a daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren living in Henderson, Nevada, USA.



Friday Evening - President Michael Davis formerly served as Chief of Staff at James Madison University (JMU). In that role, Dr. Davis managed JMU's presidential priorities and directed matters of policy and institutional importance, including strategic planning, institutional research, and accreditation. His executive leadership grew from his commitment to students. Prior to that role, Dr. Davis served as a faculty member and Director of Debate in JMU's School of Communication Studies. With debate coaching experience spanning more than 25 years, Dr. Davis leveraged alumni and external grant support to elevate JMU's Madison Debate society to one of national renown. Dr. Davis previously taught communication studies and coached debate at Georgia State University, University of Georgia, University of Rochester, University of Louisville, Mercer University, and Syracuse University.

As a first-generation undergraduate student, Dr. Davis learned early the importance of academic mentors and campus support. He strives to address the holistic needs of today's diverse students while reducing barriers. His approach to leadership is rooted in his experience in civil discourse, deliberation, and debate; experience that instilled in him the value of welcoming diverse opinions.

Dr. Davis has expertise in leading curricular innovation and crafting international student and faculty opportunities. In his international programming efforts and travels abroad while at JMU, Dr. Davis conducted programming with universities and government agencies in Rwanda and Kosovo. He secured

formal partnerships offering high impact opportunities that facilitate compelling enrollment and programmatic co-curricular prospects for students and faculty alike.

Dr. Davis is a proud community member. While at JMU, he cultivated productive relationships with city and county officials, administrators at neighboring institutions, business leaders, elected officials, and statewide commissions and task forces. His community relations experience expands campus boundaries for the symbiotic benefit of both campus and community. In his spare time, his community involvement includes volunteer leadership with the United Way of Harrisonburg-Rockingham County, Any Given Child Shenandoah Valley, On The Road Collaborative, Harrisonburg Education Foundation, Harrisonburg Little League Association, and Girl Scout Troop 82.

Dr. Davis is and will always be a communication studies scholar. As such, he relishes the opportunity to translate his academic experience in public discourse to unequivocally support student success. Mike Davis earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Communication Studies and a Graduate Certificate in Women's and Gender Studies from the University of Georgia. He also holds a Master of Arts and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication and Rhetorical Studies from Syracuse University. His academic research interests center women in the Civil Rights Movement, debate pedagogy, presidential rhetoric, and argumentation and advocacy.



**CYNTHIA "CINDY" B. GREGG  
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Saturday Lunch - Cindy B. Gregg, from Rostraver Township, Pennsylvania, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 96th International Convention held in Hamburg, Germany July 5 through 9, 2013.

Past Director Gregg is a retired music teacher, choir director, and organist.

A member of the Rostraver Township Lions Club since 2000, she has held many offices within the association, including president, district governor, council chairperson, district MERL coordinator, district Leo advisor, and district LCIF coordinator. She also served on the MD leadership committee. While on the board, Lion Cindy was chairperson of the Family and Women's Action Committee, vice chairman of the Service Activities Committee, and liaison to the 2014 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. She has been a presenter and moderator for various forums, conventions, and training events. She is a Certified Instructor and was a DGE Seminar Leader for five years. Presently, she is serving as an area GAT coordinator for Constitutional Area 1-D (Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia), chairperson of the Lions Diabetes Board of Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties and is the 2023 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Exhibits Chairperson. Recently, she was appointed as the General Chairperson for the 2027 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum to be held in Huntsville, Alabama.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards including the Club Excellence Award, several Presidential and Leadership Medals and International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the Certified Guiding Lion Medal, the Joseph L.



Wroblewski, Carl Shoemaker, and Ross DiMarco Fellowships, and the Ambassador of Good Will, the highest award in Lionism. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a Second Century Ambassador.

Past Director Gregg and her Governor, and Progressive daughter, both of whom are have a grandson and a



husband, Tom, also a Lion, Past District Melvin Jones Fellow, have a son and a Lions and Melvin Jones Fellows. They granddaughter.



**Elizabeth "Beth" Stevens, Past District Governor**

Saturday Lunch - Beth Stevens is from Virginia Beach, Virginia. She was installed as District Governor at the 100<sup>th</sup> International Convention held in Chicago, Illinois June 30 - July 4, 2017. Currently, PDG Beth is serving as the Global Action Team (GAT) Constitutional Area 1 - D Vice Area Leader supporting the GAT teams in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

PDG Beth is the former Financial Development Director for the American Red Cross of Southeastern Virginia. Her responsibilities included supervising fundraising staff, major gift requests, grant writing and event management.

PDG Beth began her membership with the Hampton Roads Blind Lions Club Branch in 2010. The branch transitioned to the Virginia Beach Town Center - Blind Lions Club in 2012. She has held many offices within the association, including president, zone chair, region chair, second vice district governor, first vice district governor, district governor, district global leadership team coordinator (three years), and district global service team coordinator. She has served as Faculty Development Institute Coordinator Farmville, Virginia, and Lions Charity Foundation of Southeastern Virginia President.

PDG Beth is a graduate of the Regional Lions Leadership Institute, Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, Faculty Development Institute, and is a Certified Guiding Lion. She has presented at numerous trainings for the district, multiple-district, and USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has been recognized with numerous awards including Lion of the Year, Club Excellence Award, District Excellence Award, several Leadership and Distinguished Service Medals, International President's Certificate of Appreciation, International GAT Chairman's Award, Lions Charity Foundation of Southeastern Virginia Good Samaritan Award. She is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

PDG Beth is married to Lion Mack Stevens, District Global Service Team Coordinator and Melvin Jones Fellow. Mack teaches Modeling and Simulation at the Advanced Technology Center for the Virginia Beach City Public Schools Division. They have been happily married for 31 years.



The Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat will be held at the Days Inn in Flatwoods on January 26-27-28, 2024. Yea, that right **3 Days.** We will be going back to when the school was created with three whole days of topnotch speakers, super presenters with great topics.

Our keynote speaker will be PID Larry Edwards from Altoona, Pennsylvania. Did I mention FOOD, yes Friday dinner, Saturday lunch & dinner, and Sunday lunch.

WOW!! **All 3 days just \$105.00 or Saturday \$75.00**

Breakfast is free when you are lodging at the Day's Inn

What about the seminars, there will be 12 different and informative topics like:

- Basic Roles & Responsibilities of the Big 4
- Promoting the Image of Lionism
- Diversity and Generation Difference
- Effective Public Speaking
- Strategic Planning and Developing SMART Goals
- Leadership Fundamentals
- The Roles & Responsibilities of Being a Zone Chairperson
- Developing Effective Teams
- Presentation Preparation
- Conflict Resolution
- The Vidal Roles of the District Governor and Resources Available for Support
- Orientation from a Different Perspective: Focusing on the Member's Needs

Room Rates:

- Kings \$110.00 + taxes per night
- Double Queen \$102.00 + taxes per night
- Suites \$150.00 + taxes per night
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**So set your sites and your calendar on coming to the Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat ***"BE INSPIRED"*****

YIL,  
PCC Ken Shahan  
LWVLR Chair



## LIONS OF WEST VIRGINIA LEADERSHIP RETREAT

**"BE INSPIRED"**

January 26-28, 2024

Flatwoods Days Inn & Suites and Conference Center

Registration Deadline: January 13, 2024



### Registration Fee:

\$105.00 Friday, Saturday, Sunday – Four banquet meals, seminars & materials

\$75.00 Saturday only – Two banquet meals, seminars & materials

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

Rate: \$102.00 Double Queen (up to 4 guests in a room) King \$110.00 Deadline to Reserve: 1/13/2024

Breakfast 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE: \_\_\_\_\_ Special Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: Fri, Sat, Sun \$105 \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Only \$75 \_\_\_\_\_

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

PCC Ken Shahan, 1641 Adams Avenue, Clarksburg, WV 26301

Contact **PCC Ken Shahan** for more information at [kenshahan@aol.com](mailto:kenshahan@aol.com) or 304-669-1641.

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**"LEADERSHIP and LEARNING are INDISPENSABLE to each other"**





## SILENT AUCTION

We will be having a **Silent Auction** at the upcoming Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat to be held on January 26-28, 2024 at Days Inn, Flatwoods, WV. To make this happen we are asking the assistance of **EVERY** club attending.

If each club would donate **one item**, there will be a great variety to **bid** on when you come to the Leadership Retreat. Possible ideas would be:

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| ◆ Handmade craft items          | ◆ Seasonal decorations  |
| ◆ Special piece of glassware    | ◆ WVU or Marshall Items |
| ◆ Specialty or theme baskets    | ◆ Lions' items          |
| ◆ Gift certificates or packages | ◆ Food baskets          |
| ◆ Golf items                    | ◆ Wreaths               |
| ◆ Bottles or baskets of wine    | ◆ Jewelry               |

It is hoped the items donated would be enticing enough that YOU will be willing to consider bidding.

Proceeds from the auction will be used to help defray the costs of the Leadership Retreat so that everyone in the multiple district will consider attending. This is a time to gather and grow as leaders, as well as enjoy the fellowship of Lion friends from around the multiple district and neighboring states.

We hope you will consider this request. Please complete the form below and send it to **Lion Paula Shahan** ([paulashahan@aol.com](mailto:paulashahan@aol.com)) and let her know what type of item you or your club will donate. We look forward to hearing from you.

Lion Paula Shahan (304-629-5091)

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ITEM BEING DONATED \_\_\_\_\_

SUGGESTED STARTING BID \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you in advance for your participation and support!!*



## Seminars for 2024 LWVLR

1. **Basic Roles and Responsibilities of the Big 4 (president, secretary, treasurer, membership chairperson)** *You keep asking me to take one of these roles. Before I do, I want to know what is expected of them and what their duties are.* This seminar is designed to inform prospective and aspiring club officers of their duties and responsibilities and to encourage them to take on leadership roles at the club level. Target audience: All attendees

Facilitator: **PDG Micheal Gibbs**, District OH-1, Rushsylvania Lions Club

2. **Promoting the Image of Lionism**

This seminar will involve an inward focus for individual Lions as well as an outward focus. It will explore ways that we can look at ourselves and what we do to make our clubs attractive to prospective Lions as well as newer members; and it will explore ways that we can use social media to get our message to our target audiences. Target audience: All Lions

Facilitator: **Lions Suzanne Park Lewis**, Petersburg Lions Club, District 29-I

3. **Diversity and Generational Differences**

This seminar will be led by a Millennial/s Lion who will discuss strategies that we can employ to attract and keep different generations to our clubs and meld them together into a vibrant and inclusive team and ways that diversity can strengthen our service efforts and grow our clubs. Target audience: All attendees, especially club and district officers.

Facilitator: **Lion Eli Hughes**, University of Charleston Lions Club, District 29-C

4. **Effective Public Speaking**

This seminar will discuss the steps in planning for and preparing for any type of public speaking engagement that one might face as a leader. It will provide tips on overcoming anxiety associated with having to deliver a speech to a group of any size and practice techniques you can use to become comfortable. Target audience: All attendees

Facilitator: **Laura Seybold**, Owner of Shine Consulting, LLC

5. **Strategic Planning and Developing SMART Goals**

Whether in our daily lives, in our work lives, or as a Lion leader, we all set goals for ourselves and our clubs so whether we know it or not, we often do some variation of strategic planning. This seminar is designed to help you plan more effectively for long-term success and develop SMART goals that will help you succeed. Target audience: All attendees

Facilitator: **PID Cindy Gregg**, Rostraver Township Lions Club, MD 14, Belle Vernon, PA

6. **Leadership Fundamentals: The Five Practices of Effective Leaders**

In this seminar you will learn about the five fundamental practices of highly effective leaders as posited by two world renowned leadership experts. We will drill down further on each of these practices and ways that you can develop these same practices to become a more effective leader in every walk of life, not just in Lionism. Target audience: All attendees

Facilitator: **PID Steve Glass**, Harrison County HOPE Lions Club, District 29-I

7. **The Roles and Responsibilities of Being a Zone Chairperson**

*Incoming district governors and other district leaders keep asking me to become a zone chairperson. Before I say yes, tell me what my obligations are. What does a zone chairperson do? What is expected of them? Are there any rewards involved in performing this role? Tell me more.* This seminar is designed to discuss the basic duties of this position and the resources

available to assist the zone chairperson. You will learn of the very valuable role that the zone chairperson plays in the success of the clubs and the district and the many rewards that it brings.

Facilitators: **PCC Paul Wheeler** and **PCC Gary Boyd**, Alum Creek Lions Club, District 29-C

## **8. Developing Effective Teams**

It has been said many times now, *"Teamwork makes the dream work."* Nowhere is that more important than in our Lions clubs and our districts. This seminar will delve into the characteristics of effective teams and some of the strategies that current and aspiring leaders can employ to understand team members' personal styles and needs, then select the best combination of team members to ensure effectiveness, whether it be club committees or district cabinets. Target audience: All attendees

Facilitator: **PID Larry Edwards**, MD 14, Harris Township Lions Club, Altoona, PA

## **9. Presentation Preparation**

We all have been called upon from time to time, whether it be for a school project, church committee report, work assignment, or giving a report or speech to a group of Lions, to do presentations whether it be strictly oral or using audio visual aids. This seminar is designed to help you be more comfortable in that role. You will learn about ways to better prepare and deliver your product. Target audience: All attendees

Facilitator: **PID Larry Johnson**, Parkersburg Lions Club, District 29-L

## **10. Conflict Resolution**

We all have conflict, don't we? Whether it be at home, work, church or Lions, conflict is inevitable. That's a fact of life! This seminar is designed to define conflict versus differences of opinion and strategies to reduce conflicts in all aspects of our lives, especially in our Lions clubs. You will learn to self-reflect in this process and understand that how you see the problem might be the problem. Target audience: All attendees

Facilitator: **DG Chris Wooters**, District 22-C, Waldorf Lions Club, Prince Frederick, MD

## **11. The Vital Role of the District Governor and Resources Available for Support**

*"Again, I have been asked several times now to consider running for the position of district governor. My responses are I don't have time; I'm not ready; I'm not prepared; I'm not sure that I have the right stuff, etc."*

*What does a district governor do? What commitments do they have? Are there resources to help me? Tell me more."* This seminar is designed to inform those who may have those questions as well as those who are currently serving on the district leadership teams about the role and responsibilities of the position as well as the vast rewards and benefits for those who choose to serve in this role.

Facilitator: **PCC Cindy Glass**, Clarksburg Lions Club, District 29-I

## **12. Orientation From a Different Perspective: Focusing on the Member's Needs**

This seminar will take a different approach to orientation from what you might be used to. It will focus on the new and prospective member and will focus on many aspects of new member recruiting. It will focus on the following questions:

*What do you expect of me as a new Lion? How can I get my voice heard as a new member?*

*What do all these acronyms mean like GAT, LCIF, Mission 1.5, PDG, MyLCI, etc.*

*What happens if I am not interested in many of the projects that the club is doing? What can I do?*

*Tell me how my service and leadership relate to helping the club, district, multiple district, then the association. Explain to me how I can make a meaningful difference to people – after all, that's why I joined!*

Target audience: All attendees

Facilitator: **PDG Daniel Elkins**, Bellefonte Lions Club, District 22-D, Wilmington, DE



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

## **JANUARY 2024**

**JAN 4 @ 6:30PM KEYSER LIONS CLUB**

**JAN 8 @ 6:30PM PAW PAW LIONS CLUB**

**JAN 13 DG MEETING WITH ZONE 1, 2 & 3 ZONE CHAIRS ALONG WITH VICE DISTRICT  
GOVERNORS AND GAT TEAM – LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**JAN 15 @ 6:30PM KESLING MILLS LIONS CLUB**

**JAN 18 @ 6:00PM BUCKHANNON LIONS CLUB**

**JAN 20 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS MEETING, GLADE SPRINGS RESORT**

**JAN 21 @ 6:30PM EAST LEWIS LIONS CLUB**

**JAN 26-28 LIONS LEADERSHIP RETREAT, FLATWOODS CONFERENCE CENTER**

## **FEBRUARY**

**FEB 1 @ 6:30PM PIKEWOOD & HEDGESVILLE**

**FEB 6 @ 6:00PM EAST PRESTON LIONS CLUB**

**FEB 8 @ 6:30PM SALEM LIONS CLUB**

**FEB 10 DISTRICT CABINET MEETING – LOCATION & TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**FEB 15 @ 6:30PM CLARKSBURG ADAMSTON**

**FEB 19 @ 6:00PM SHORT GAP LIONS CLUB**

**FEB 21 @ 6:00PM CLARKSBURG MAIN STREET**

**FEB 27 @ 7:00PM SHINNSTON LIONS CLUB**

## **MARCH**

**MARCH 16 DISTRICT 29L CONFERENCE, VIENNA CONFERENCE CENTER**

## **APRIL**

**APRIL 26-28 MD29 CONVENTION, GLADE SPRINGS RESORT**



DECEASED MEMBER	CLUB
Darlene Cameron	Clarksburg
Mark Henderson	Grafton



New Member	Club	Sponsor
Bill Largent	Inwood Bunker Hill	Daniel Lohr
Robert Jones	Tygart Valley	Michael Pizzino
Blair Louk Jr	Tygart Valley	Steven Currence
Collin McFadden	Tygart Valley	Alfred Scalia

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Please submit your articles/photos no later than the 22<sup>nd</sup> of every month to: [brights@atlanticbb.net](mailto:brights@atlanticbb.net)

Thank you!

Lion Mary Jane Bright  
29I Newsletter Editor



**Nexstep Commercial Products** (formerly known as Cornelia Broom Company and France Broom Company) – Exclusive Licensee of O-Cedar – is now the **One and Only Official Broom Supplier to the Lions!**

**Nexstep Commercial Products** manufactures high-quality Lions Club Corn Brooms to the same standards the Lions Club have used for over 75 years. The Lions Club Broom Sale has proven to be a major fundraising event that's a very easy way to generate funds.



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