

#### **July 2020**

Lion John Mason, District Governor

# In a world where you can be anything, be kind.



I hope that you are staying safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. As you know, Lion events have been cancelled including our MD 29 State Convention, Lions Clubs International Convention, and USA/Canada Forum.

I have still been busy attending several training classes with Lions representing countries from all over the world via internet (Zoom meetings) to complete my requirements to become your District Governor. Virtual meetings may be the "New Normal", is your club ready?

If your club is having live meetings, please contact me to schedule my visit with your club.

Newsletter articles are due to Lion Mickey Nardella by the end of each month. We will publish the monthly newsletter by the fifth of each month.

Kindness Matters! To make a difference in someone's life you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful, or perfect. You just have to care..Mandy Hale

I hope you will join me to "Be Kind" every day.

DG John Mason



## District Governor Calendar 2020-2021

July 2020		D . A 11			
11	1 <sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting Paw Paw Installation of Officers	Fort Ashby	10:30 am		
13 18	Hodgesville	Paw Paw 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	6:00 pm		
25	1st Council of Governors' Meeting	Bridgeport	12:00 pm 10:00 am		
25 25	PDGA Appreciation Luncheon	Bridgeport	1:00 pm		
28 28	Martinsburg LC Steak Feed	Falling Waters	6:30 pm		
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August 2020					
20	Bridgeport LC DG Visit	Bridgeport	6:30 pm		
23	Mt. Storm LC DG Visit	Mt. Storm	2:00 pm		
September 20					
9	Wardensville LC DG Visit	Wardensville	6:00 pm		
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October 2020	) Zone 1 LC DG Visit	TDD			
13		TBD			
16-17-18	District 29I Conference	Berkeley Springs			
November 20	20				
6-7-8	District 29C Conference	Pipestem Resort Sta	te Park		
8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Council of Governors' Meeting	r ip ostom resort sta			
15	Deadline for Peace Poster to DG				
December 20	20				
January 2021			~ .		
29-30	Lions of WV Leadership Retreat	Days Inn & Conferer	ice Center		
31	3 <sup>rd</sup> Council of Governors' Meeting	Flatwoods			
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February 2021					
March 2021					
12-13	District 29L Conference	Mineral Wells			
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April 2021					
23-24-25	MD 29 State Convention	Canaan Valley Resor	t		
25	4 <sup>th</sup> Council of Governors' Meeting				
May 2021					
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June 2021	I OI International Course (	Mandanal C 1			
25-29	LCI International Convention	Montreal, Canada			



#### Sue Long First Vice District Governor

## Nothing Is Impossible!

This Lion year is winding down and new leadership is about to take its place. Hopefully clubs will soon be able to start back to having meetings, activities,

service projects and fundraisers. We have had many challenges the last 3 months and even though many are saying we will never be the same **NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE.** 

John F. Kennedy stated," The one unchangeable certainty is that nothing is unchangeable or certain." The more improbable something is, however, the more work it takes to achieve. If your club did not complete the projects or fundraising planned during the months of quarantine, then look ahead and calculate what are the priorities and start small. Small clubs may have to resort to utilizing community people who are not members for signature projects or fundraisers. Just maybe your membership will grow from these volunteers.

In my experience as a club member, I recognize that success is accomplished when everyone gets active. Waiting around does not do it!!!!!!

Some have had plenty of time these last 3 months to think about what changes need to be made to accomplish our goals as Lions. Andy Warhol said it well "They always say that time changes things, but **you** actually have to change them yourself."

The good news is the energy we put into a "New Norm" is, both pushing up and pushing down, our energy. Imagine moving toward finishing our goals this year by not just removing the inner resistance to achieving our goals but adding all the energy that was part of the resistance to the forward motion of achievement.



#### District 29 I NAMI – North American Membership Initiative

I would like to introduce myself; I am Lion Kim Mason from the Berkeley Springs Lions Club. I am your District NAMI Champion. NAMI is an initiative to grow clubs and members in North America. A pilot program was created about a year ago. There is a lot of information about how to create new clubs and get new members on LCI at <a href="https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/nami">https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/nami</a>.

I would like to remind everyone that the entrance fee of \$35 has been waived until December 31, 2020. As an incentive, I am running a contest and a prize will be awarded for the individual Lion that recruits the most new members from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Also, the Lion Club that recruits the most new members from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 will receive a prize.

I have convinced the District Governor to recognize the new members and their sponsor at the District 29 I Fall Conference in October 2020. Let's get started recruiting; I would like to schedule a monthly Zoom call with new members to answer any questions that they may have. All Lions are invited, and it will be scheduled toward the end of each month.

If I can be of any assistance in recruiting new members, please contact me at bigdogbasket@hotmail.com

# LIONS KEEP MOVING FORWARD AND YOU WILL MAKE IT!!!!!







"Everyone can be great, because everyone can serve." – Martin Luther King Jr.

"Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." –

#### Albert Einstein

Like most of you, I joined the Lions in large part because of our motto: "We Serve." During these difficult times many of the things we do to serve others has been curtailed, so we need to look closer to home to fill needs.

If your club is like mine, it has many older members. Some of them have difficulty going shopping, making doctors' visits, or getting prescriptions filled. Some of them are afraid to go out, and don't have easy access to masks. Many of them are lonely and would love to just find a caring voice to talk to.

Beyond your club, but in your community, there are probably many senior citizens, many older veterans, and many people of all ages who are not blessed with "normal" bodies or minds. I suspect you have many of the same opportunities to brighten someone's day. "Do a good turn daily" is not just a Scouting slogan, it's a pretty good guide for how to live.

There is a quote that has always resonated with me: "Watch your thoughts, they become your words; watch your words, they become your actions; watch your actions, they become your habits; watch your habits, they become your character; watch your character, it becomes your destiny." I have seen this attributed to Gandhi, Margaret Thatcher, Frank Outlaw, and Lao Tzu, among others, but wouldn't it be a wonderful world if more people spent more time thinking about how they could serve others? And then put those thoughts into actions?

### AROUND THE DISTRICT

#### Harrison County HOPE Lions Club



On Thursday, May 21st, 2020 seven members of the Harrison County HOPE Lions Club cleaned and sanitized the dining room of the Bi-County Nutrition Center in Nutter Fort. This service was provided in order to prepare the center for reopening for dine-in meals in the near future. Two other members, Lions Rob Garcia and Alan Moran helped to deliver meals to individuals in the Bridgeport and North View areas.

The Bi-County Nutrition Center provides a daily nutritious meal to those citizens who are over sixty years old and generally live alone without any means of transportation. Those who do have a means of transportation may come and dine in whenever the center dining room re-opens.

Shown in the accompanying photo are HOPE members, from left to right, Jim Cava and Laura Cava along with their sons, Alessandro and James, Rachel Romano, Tara Perri, Steve Glass, Patti Zara, and John Church.



My name is Brendan Byrne and I am excited to be the new Diabetes Chairperson for District 29I. Being a third generation Lion, I have seen from a young age how this great organization positively impacts communities. On a personal note, my family has been touched by this wonderful organization. When my five-year-old daughter was diagnosed as a Type One Diabetic at eighteen months, my local Lions Club (Berkeley Springs) helped to raise money for my daughter to have a diabetic alert dog. If it was not for the help of Berkeley Springs Lions Club, this vital diabetes management tool would not have been possible.

This personal connection with Type One Diabetes is one reason that I accepted the District 29I Diabetes Chairperson position. I have a desire to assist people attain vital

resources about diabetes. I have an aspiration to educate people of this terrible disease that effects millions of people worldwide.

If you would like to discuss anything pertaining to diabetes within District 29I, please contact me. I would love to promote district projects. If you are working on a diabetes project, I would love to hear about it. I would like to celebrate your accomplishments by notifying the various clubs throughout District 29I about your successful projects. Lastly, if you would like for me to speak at an upcoming club meeting please contact me through the following email address: lionbrendanbyrne@gmail.com

I look forward to working with you!

All the Best, Lion Brendan, Diabetes Chairperson 29I



#### Mobility for Allison –

Allison is handicapped and is under physical therapy care of the Rankin Physical Therapy Center in Berkeley Springs. The Berkeley Springs Lions Club was contacted in May by Rankin PT Center theorists asking if the Lions could assist 14 years old Allison with some personal mobility device and recommended a tryke.

We met with the representatives and researched various types of vehicles – the AMtryke was selected. To meet Allison's size and needs, the specifics of the AMtryke Pro Series with 12 high handle bars and (of course) a helmet, traffic flag and bell was selected. Club members offered personal donations to help pay the cost of \$1,450.00. We also included a BS Lions Club

backpack to complete the package.



# West Virginia Past District Governors Association Council Appreciation Luncheon

Saturday July 25, 2020 @ Noon Best Western Plus, Bridgeport, WV 100 Lodgeville Road, Bridgeport

Cost per person: \$22.00

All Lions and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend to honor our outgoing Council of Governors:

CC Rob Bright, DG Gary Boyd, DG Bill Syphers and DG Ruth Straley, as well as our MD29 Chairpersons.

**Note**: The **Council of Governors** meeting will take place at **10:00** that morning at the Best Western Plus.

The Best Western Plus is carefully following all mandated safety guidelines.

Make your reservation **in advance** by contacting PCC Cindy Glass at 304-203-2006 or at <a href="mailto:cinwa130@gmail.com">cinwa130@gmail.com</a> or by mailing this registration.

Name (s)		
Address/phone/email		
	Please mark your meal choice	
1. Stuffed chicken breast,	, potato, vegetable, salad, rolls, beverage, and dessert	
2. Lasagna, two sides, sa	lad, rolls, beverage and dessert	

Make check to WVPDGA and mail to: 191 Ridgeway Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330 Deadline for reservations is July 20th!



#### **June 2020**

#### **NEW MEMBER**

Johnathan Sam Marks
Lara E. Marks
Josh A Vankirk
Sarah N Vankirk
Dennis L Barron
Joe E Hronesz
Andrew D Lowe
Shane A Marrone
Chamberlyn A Sines
Tobey R Twigg
Debra A Donini

#### LIONS CLUB

Clarksburg Main Street Harrison Clarksburg Main Street Harrison Clarksburg Main Street Harrison Clarksburg Main Street Harrison Shepherdstown Centennial West Milford

#### **SPONSOR**

Bryan Payne
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Michael Sholl
Michael Sholl
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Terry Mumaw
Michael Sholl
Michael Sholl
Michael Sholl
Hilda Clutter



Floyd C. Hissong

Inwood-Bunker Hill

John Elmore

Moorefield



#### 2019-2020 CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

Club must be chartered prior to January 1 of the fiscal year to qualify.

Application Date

Club Number	Club Name			
Member Number	2019-2020 Club President's Name			
	2019-2020 Club President's Email Address			
1. MEMBERSHIP  Achieved a Net Growth of: *  OR  Chartered new Lions club, Leo Club or Club Branch: Name of club, or branch:  AND.  Supported member retention by increasing member satisfaction  Outline strategy: hypotherapper satisfaction  Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid	Berhanoe Service Impact 8 Focus  Reshape Public Opinion 8			
and no unpaid balance with LCl greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.	Choose all that apply:			
Key Officers participate in one or more of the following leadership training events:      District	Facebook			
Improved club operations. Use the Club Quality Initiative to identify opportunities for improving your club.				
Improvements Include:				
Date 2019-2020 District Governor's Signature*	District Member Number			

Due by: August 31, 2020

Send to: clubexcellencesward@ionsclubs.org or fax to (630) 468-6828

Awards Mailed to; 2020-2021 District Governors

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

Disqualified clubs have 12 months from original due date to request a review.

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# WV Lions Multiple District 29 Beef Raffle

Proceeds Benefit: WV Eye Sight Foundation



"Follow me each month to see how fat I am getting and

to see how close to our goal we're coming".

By now all Clubs should have tickets to sell. Even though we can't get out due to the coronas virus we can still use media, telephone and the mail.

- "EACH CLUB" will have 20 tickets to sell at \$5 each. Each ticket holder will get 4 chances to win, since the beef will be split into 4 quarters.
- Drawing will be held at the District C Conference November 6, 7, 8, 2020.
- The GOAL is to raise \$20,000. Every Club in each District MUST do their part in order for this fundraiser to be successful!

Beef will be butchered by HYDES MEAT PACKING - ENTERPRIZE, WV



PDG's Paul & Phyllis Amrhein - 1-304-242-0911

pamrhein@comcast.net

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Ramona Sago – 1-304-662-6265

rsago1959@gmail.com

Just a little reminder on the beef tickets. We are two months down and have only four months left to get all those tickets sold. I am encouraging all districts to focus on the goal. It takes a village of Lions to get this accomplished! Hats off to all those Lions/Clubs that have turned tickets/money in. FVDG Ramona Sago

Lion Michael Sholl put out a challenge to the other districts in WV to see which district can sell the most beef raffle tickets. District 29 I will put up your choice of 9" cake from Charlotte's Cafe to be delivered at our MD 29 State Convention. What say you District 29 L and C? Are you up for the challenge of selling beef raffle tickets?

I will put up two packs of homemade jerky from 29C. Lion Gary Boyd Submit pictures and articles by the 25th of each month in order to get in the next month's newsletter.

Send to our newsletter editor Mickey Nardella at mickey@ma.rr.com with a text copy to DG John @ jlmason0531@gmail.com



