



July 2021

Lion Sue Long
District Governor

Storytelling is my passion. What is yours!!!

As I journey through my year as District Governor, I will be creating many stories about the members I meet, the visits I make, the people I serve and the everlasting friendships I will carry for the rest of my life. I am a spiritual person and do my daily devotions every morning. This morning I read a story of an individual who always gave from their heart through their purse; but, not of their time. However, a friend approached this individual and requested them to assist in a community service project. Most of the people in the group had adapted to the skills necessary to complete the project; however, the person, who is 'the new kid on the block', did not. So, the friend found a job for the novice. The novice began the job of serving others. When we weave our lives into similar situations, we begin to understand how important it is to serve. How do you serve others? Do you deliver dinners to grieving neighbors, offer to watch someone's child because they are so exhausted, fill the gas tank for someone who has a limited income, offer to take an elderly to a medical appointment? Lions are the extensions of hands for people who need help. In this past year, our communities have endured many challenges and new needs have surfaced. This would be a great opportunity for your club to complete a community needs assessment and set goals that would benefit everyone, including club members. Remember, the smallest sacrifices can impact the lives of others and at the same time change them.

I would be honored if all my clubs would request a visit. I am including the calendar of scheduled visits and events thus far. Please contact me at 301-707-8503 or susanplong51@gmail.com to schedule a visit. I wish to have visits scheduled either in the summer, fall or early winter before the snow starts to fall. I can help with projects, fundraisers, or just come for a friendly visit. Looking forward to meeting all of you!!!!

Yours in Lionism

District Governor Sue Long

District Governor Calendar 2021-2022



Schedule of Events

July:

Zone 1,2,3 Presidents and Secretaries training	To be announced
Zone 4,5,6 Presidents and Secretaries training	To be announced
Zone 7,8,9 Presidents and Secretaries training	To be announced
26 East Lewis and West Milford picnic	
31 First Council of Governors meeting - Best Western Plus, Bridgeport	10 am
PDG Appreciation Dinner - Best Western Plus Bridgeport	12:00 noon

August:

5 Romney picnic	
11 Ireland and Central Upshur	
14 First Cabinet Meeting - Annunciation of our Lord Church, Fort Ashby.	
23 Paw Paw	6:00 pm
30 Tennerton	

September:

8 - 12	USA/Canadian Leadership Forum
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19	Nutter Fort
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October:

7	Mountain
29 -30	District 29I Conference- Canaan Resort
31	Second COG Meeting-Canaan Resort

November:

18 Bridgeport

December:

2 Romney - Main Street Grill

January:

28-29 WVLLR Flatwoods

30 COG meeting Flatwoods

February:

26 Cabinet Meeting – Virtual

March:

April:

22,23,24 MD 29 Convention Canaan Resort



Lion Gray Jones
First Vice District Governor



“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

“Success isn’t about how much money you make; it’s about the difference you make in people’s lives.” – Michelle Obama

What are your hopes and aspirations for your community? How can your Lions Club help make those hopes and aspirations a reality? From my own perspective, what can we at the District do to help you succeed?

Those questions are, I believe, at the heart of a successful Lions Club, Zone, and District. I’m proud to be a Lion, I’m proud of the differences so many Lions have made in so many lives around the world. My own home club in Berkeley Springs occasionally gets thank you notes from community members whom we have helped.

During our recent White Cane Day fundraising activity, a number of people were glad to give when they saw the Lions logo on caps, shirts, or vests. That was both heartening and surprising for me. As a child of the 50s and 60s, I’ve always been a little bit reluctant about overt displays of the trappings of membership in organizations. I’m a proud Marine, but I don’t often display it on my clothing. I’m also a proud Scouter, but I only wear Boy Scout attire at Boy Scout functions. Similarly with the Lions. I’m not sure why that is, but I suspect I’m not alone, and yet, more people recognize and TRUST that attire than I ever suspected.

So I’m going to make an effort to wear my Lions Club “colors” more often, even when not directly engaged in a Lions Club activity. I hope you’ll join me! We, collectively and individually, do great things to make the world a better place. There’s nothing wrong with being proud of that even when we view our own contributions with humility.



WV Past District Governors Association Council Appreciation Luncheon

Date: Saturday July 31, 2021 * Time: Noon

Where: Best Western Plus, Bridgeport, WV, 100 Lodgeville Road, Bridgeport

Cost per person: \$21.00

The buffet luncheon will include two salad choices, hand breaded cod, sliced top round of beef, roasted red skin potatoes, vegetable medley, breads, cookies and beverages.

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

CC Gary Boyd, DG Ron Grubb and DG Charolette Henson, and DG John Mason,
as well as our 2020-2021 **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.

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Make your reservation **in advance** by contacting PCC Cindy Glass at 304-203-2006 or at
cinwa130@gmail.com, or by mailing this registration.

Name (s) _____

Address/phone/email _____

Make check to WVPDGA and mail in advance of the luncheon to:

191 Ridgeway Drive, Bridgeport --- Deadline for reservations is July 25th!



A very good use of your club dues

by Past International Director Steve Glass
Multiple District 29 Global Leadership Team Coordinator

I was asked recently by a Lion, “why should we pay dues to our club in order to get to serve our community? Why should we have to do that?” One of the many reasons that I can think of is the realization that part of your dues is used by Lions Clubs International to provide some of the most outstanding on-line leadership training that money can buy. Any Lion, whether they are a newer Lion looking for information about our association or an aspiring leader who is looking to enhance their knowledge, skills, or abilities, has the ability to take advantage of literally hundreds of on-line courses!

Below are six resources that I invite and encourage you to take advantage of at your first opportunity. All are available to you from the comfort of your lap top. This is by no means an exhaustive list. Your exposure to these resources will lead you to many, many more so enjoy!

Lions Learning Center

Go to www.lionsclubs.org, then select Member Center and Log In. After you log in, select Learn and you will find a link to Online Learning, select the yellow rectangular Go button under Lions Learning Center and follow the prompt. Make sure that you are under Learner View, which you can check by clicking under your name in the far upper right corner under your name.

Virtual Events Center

Go to www.lionsclubs.org, then select Member Center and Resources. The first link under resources is the Virtual Events Center. Select it and you will find a list of past recorded events as well as a calendar of future events that you can view at your own leisure. There are various topics that you can find at this site.

Lions Virtual

Go to www.lionsvirtual.teamapp.com, then select Lions Virtual You Tube Click for Learning Opportunities link. You will find a list of webinars and seminars that have been created and recorded by the Lions Virtual Team to assist with orientation and training of Lion leaders at all levels of our Association. There is a vast array of topics of interest to all Lions, especially district and club leaders.

LCI Homepage

Go to www.lionsclubs.org, then select Resources for Members, then Resource Center. You will find a drop-down menu of links to resources for every division of LCI. Select the link of your choice, which will lead you to a wide selection of topics. For example, under the Legal link, you will find information about insurance and all of our standard form constitutions and by-laws and policy manual.

MD 29 Web site

Go to www.wvlions.org, then select the link to MD 29 GAT Toolbox from the drop-down menu on the left side of the screen. You will then find several seminars power points and documents on various leadership topics.

Lions University

Go to www.lionsuniversity.org. This site is sponsored by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. You must register in order to use this site. There is a link to guide you through registration if you are not already registered. Lions University contains dozens of topics on leadership that you can complete at your own pace.

DON'T GIVE UP

It is true that when the markets went down, plastic pop bottles, milk jugs and detergent bottles that were rinsed, sorted and put at the curb/roadside for recycling were sometimes still ending up in a landfill. We all saw the international news of our recyclables being collected, baled and placed on shipping containers to only be rejected and turned back upon arrival at many overseas ports.

The good news is that the demand for recycled content in goods that we (consumers) purchase is beginning to grow, and so the value of the collected plastic recyclables is going back up. Many of us in 29-I can recall that in the 60's we had a deposit in WV on pop bottles and milk jugs (then made of glass) and that placed value on those bottles when returned. There is now a much higher need for a steady supply (value) in recyclables in the plastic industry, so don't give up.

Paper recycling should also be part of our daily routine, but much of the waste office paper in our state gets tossed in the office/school trash bin and amounts to about 25% of what is going into our landfills in WV. With that being said, did you know that there is a Paper Mill in Fairmont, WV that has been in operation since 1995 and is one of only three pulp mills in the world that produces air dried recycled paper pulp for uses like, packaging, toilet tissue. They employ around 100 people and produce approximately 230,000 tons of recycled pulp each year.

And check this out, the state of WV now has the first resource recovery facility built in the United States and it is now in operation in Martinsburg. Entsorga, WV will recover bio-mass, plastic and other carbon based materials from the collected commercial and residential trash in that region. Rather than dispose in the landfill it is being converted into a safe alternative fuel to be used in the cement industry. The metals are removed from the trash and then recycled at the Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority facility in Martinsburg as well.

For more information on the environment from LCIF, visit [Environment | Lions Clubs International](#).

Let' all be good environmental stewards in 29-I.



Lion Paul E. Hamrick

29-I Environmental Chair

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Here's a Great Big "Thumbs Up" to the Lions Clubs and individual Lions in District 29-I. For the sixth consecutive year all 56 clubs in our district contributed to the Lions Club International Foundation. For that we are very proud!

And the news gets even better! Our goal was to raise \$30,000 this fiscal year and as of the end of June our Lions Clubs and members donated a record amount of over \$30,365.

A special thank you to the individual Lions who made generous contributions to Campaign 100 to put us over the top!

PCC Al Cox District LCIF Coordinator



Please share with your Leos and Lions interested in learning more about the Leo Club Program. If your Leo Club is school-based, the Leo Advisory Council would be happy to speak to principals or faculty advisors to better explain the Leo Forum or answer questions. For more information please contact: info@leosforum.org.



MD Leo Chair Ramona Sago

2021-2022 - Peace Poster Contest

We Are All Connected

While overcoming new challenges brought on by an unprecedented global pandemic, we're celebrating the things that keep us connected—to each other, to our communities, all together around the world. This year, we invite young people to envision, explore and visually express these connections.

Order a Peace Poster Contest Kit

To sponsor the Peace Poster Contest, Lions clubs can order a contest kit from January 15 to October 1. The kit is available in 12 of our official languages. A kit is needed for each contest sponsored.

Each kit contains:

- Official Club Contest Guide and Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant Flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

- **January 15:** Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **October 1:** Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Brand and Marketing Strategy Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Brand and Marketing Strategy Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Brand and Marketing Strategy Department at International Headquarters.
- **February 1:** International winners notified on or before this date.



Lion Kim Mason
Peace Poster Chairperson

“A Pleasure Serving, Looking Forward to the Future”

Lions of District 29I, it has been a pleasure serving with you during this past year. We have seen our fair share of challenges this year with the pandemic, however we have overcome. We had a very successful pin contest that promoted diabetes awareness among the youth of District 29I and I am looking forward to continuing this contest next year. Currently, the diabetes awareness pin sales have made \$793.32. If you would still like to buy a pin, I still have pins for sale for \$4.00 per pin. The district has also put on a virtual walk/run to raise money for diabetes awareness. Over three hundred pamphlets were distributed throughout the tri-state area of the Eastern Panhandle and various places throughout the rest of District 29I. In addition, pamphlets were posted on social media platforms like Facebook. Pledge forms are still coming in, but currently the virtual walk has raised \$435. That is a grand total of \$1,228.32 that has been raised so far for diabetes awareness.

To those clubs and events where I have spoken, I can't thank you enough for the warm hospitality that you showed me while visiting. It was a pleasure presenting to you about this terrible disease that affects millions everyday and I look forward to continuing. It has been my goal since the first day that I accepted this role to bring awareness through educating individuals about the complexities of diabetes. This continues to be my goal for my next term as the Diabetes Chairperson. While I never personally knew Lion Rusty, who held this position prior to me for several years, I have heard about the great lion that he was and the job that he did to promote diabetes awareness throughout the district. I hope to continue to build upon the foundation that he built and further the global cause of diabetes.

Lastly, I cannot say enough how much of an honor it has been to serve under the leadership of District Governor John Mason. He has been a great Lion brother and mentor during this past year. Moving on to this new year, I am ecstatic to be continuing in this role to promote diabetes awareness in the district throughout the term of District Governor Sue Long.

If you would like me to speak at an upcoming club meeting or conference either in person or virtually, please contact me through the email address found below my name. Remember, where there is a need, there is a Lion. (#LIONSFIGHTDIABETES)

Let's Continue Fighting Diabetes!

All the Best,



Lion Brendan

Diabetes Chairperson District 29I

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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/5SrjNWyjYL257U1aA>>, contact your local club president, or contact District 29I Diabetes Chairperson Lion Brendan Byrne at lionbrendanbyrne@gmail.com

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