



Lion Gray Jones District Governor

"Dream as if you'll live forever, live as if you'll die today." James Dean

"Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude." Denis Waitleyn



My wife and I just got back from the International Convention in Montreal. The new International President, Lion Brian Sheehan, of Bird Island, Minnesota, is a VERY high-energy and enthusiastic guy. His theme is "Together We Can" and he wants us, fellow Lions, to work hard and play hard, to think outside the box, and to continue to provide service to those in need. I encourage you to visit the [LCI presidential theme page](#) to learn more about our new President. Of interest is that Bird Island has a population of 905. That's smaller than many of our WV towns!

In the June Newsletter, I addressed two of my major desires for our clubs: new community service projects and recognition of those in our communities who have demonstrated that they have hearts of service, just as we Lions do. Please ensure that both have appropriate media coverage/publicity. To the right are pictures of the front and back sides of coins to present to those non-Lions who have demonstrated Hearts of Service.



There will be a special guest speaker for the PDGA Appreciation Lunch -- First Year International Director Jay Moughon from Virginia. The Appreciation Lunch is open to all Lions – Please plan to attend!

Please also plan to attend the West Virginia Lions Leadership Retreat from August 26-28, and there are scholarships available for first time attendees!

I was fortunate to be able to meet Jeff Gans, a second year International Director, who will be our guest of honor at the District's 29I fall conference at Cool Font Resort in Berkeley Springs during Halloween weekend, 28-30 October, 2022. During my meeting with him, he agreed with my assessment that if we are providing meaningful community service many of our membership issues will resolve themselves.

My own theme for District 29I this year is "Service from the Heart." The fall conference will feature some of the service projects from our clubs, and a seminar on how to obtain LCI grants to assist in financing them.

I have already scheduled two District Governor's visits to clubs. Please contact me with your desired dates! I'm looking forward to visiting with each of you. You may contact me at (304) 707-5049 (text or phone call) or email at wgrayjones@gmail.com.

Also, please contact me if you'd like to expand your service to include service to other clubs. This year, we'll be focusing on efforts to mentor those who are interested in positions of more responsibility.

District Governor Calendar 2022-2023



Schedule of Events

July:

- 25 District Governor Night with West Milford Lions – Watersmith State Park
- 30 Past District Governors Association (PDGA) Appreciation Dinner – Cacapon State Park
1st Council of Governors' meeting

August:

- 6 District Governor Night with Franklin Lions
- 26 – 28 West Virginia Lions Leadership Retreat (WVLLR) – Days Inn, Flatwoods, WV

September

- 15 – 17 USA/Canada Forum – Calgary, Canada

October

- 28-30 District 29I Fall Conference – Coolfont Resort, Berkeley Springs, WV





Lion Kermit Hawley
First Vice District Governor

“Pessimism is saying all’s well when all’s going badly—herein lies Unhappiness. Optimism turns the same moments around by recognizing that all will be well after things have been going badly—herein lies happiness”.

Welcome to July and the beginning of a new year in Lions Club Country. Congratulation to our new Club Officers and a wish for a most successful year. Your tenure as a Lions Club Officer will be the building stone for your Clubs successful missions this year. Take advantage of all the training available to you starting with the Club Constitution and by-laws which describes the duties of your position. There is Zone training, District Training and a multitude of training available from the International. The resources are there use them. You are the team leaders. **Be the best you can be.**

Become familiar with the resources at the International Level, spend some time going into MYLION and MYLCI sites. Look at the Resource menu and the Learn site. If you do not have a password. **Get one.** Also go into the Lions Club District 29 I and District 29 web sites . There is an amazing number of resources available to you.

How about some new servicing ideas? Lions Clubs, just like individuals, can get into a habit of doing the same service activities year in and year out. This is providing a needed service which is good. WE need to also look around and see if there are other servicing needs to be addressed. We may have lost “**Club enthusiasm**” and **individual enthusiasm**. New members, new Ideas, upbeat attitude and a desire to serve can energize a club.

Some thought!

Training meetings Training meetings whether at the Zone Level or District Level are designed to Inform you and assist you, plus the interaction among attendees. **Go to them!**

Servicing Activities You need to complete your servicing activities in My Lions for the past year. Support your Club by reporting what they have accomplished.

You can’t feel accomplishment if you don’t start something and complete it. Read a book, make a model, clean a mess, do a good deed.

ENJOY THE SUMMER!



2021-2022

CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

Date: _____

Club Name: _____ Club Number: _____ District: _____

2021-2022 Club President's Name: _____

Member Number: _____ Email Address: _____

1. MEMBERSHIP

☐ Achieved a net growth of: _____ or ☐ Chartered new Lions club, Leo Club or Club Branch

Name of club, or branch: _____

2. SERVICE

☐ Contributed to LCIF

☐ Started a new service project. *Consider one of our Global Causes!*

☐ List Three projects/events reported by the club:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE

☐ Club is in Good Standing: Not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. District dues paid and no unpaid balance with LC greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.

☐ Reported Club Officers to LCI

☐ Key Officers participate in one or more of the following leadership training events. Select all that apply:

☐ District

☐ Multiple District

☐ International

☐ Webinars

☐ Lions Learning Center

☐ Improvement opportunities can be identified with tools such as the *Club Quality Initiative*, *Your Club, Your Way!* and *Build a Vision for Your Club*

Improvements include: _____

4. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

☐ The club has publicized its service activities through local media or social media. Choose all that apply:

☐ Facebook

☐ Instagram

☐ Twitter

☐ Billboards

☐ Presentation Groups

☐ Local Paper

☐ Radio

☐ Club Website

☐ Posted or Distributed Flyers

☐ Other

2021-2022 District Governor Signature*: District:

Member Number: Date:

Due by: August 31, 2022

Send to: clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or fax to (630) 468-6828

Awards Mailed to: 2022-2023 District Governors

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

Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club will be considered only if received at International Headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at LCI.



Lions Clubs International

District and Clubs Administration

Lions Clubs International

300 W. 22nd St.

Oak Brook IL 60523-8842 USA

www.lionsclubs.org

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2021-2022 Club Excellence Award Application

This application can be downloaded from the LCIF site:

In search bar type in Lions Club International and it will send you to the www.lionsclub.org site

Click magnifying glass icon

Type to search: Club Excellence Award

Click next line: Club Excellence Awards

Then click on: Club Excellence Awards

Scroll down and click Download application 2021-22

These are due by August 31, 2022 and this information will be on the bottom of the second page.

We hope to have the application in upcoming newsletters.

We need your help now!

We're encouraging donations to the new LCIF Refugees and Displaced Persons fund. Contributions made to this fund will help ensure that Lions are there to help families find the safety and security they desperately need. LCIF grants have been approved for Poland and other countries receiving Ukrainian refugees.

The Lions Clubs in Ukraine and the surrounding countries are doing all they can to help with the refugees and they need our assistance. **We have over 1500 Lions in our District and are asking for support from individual Lions and Clubs. No amount is too small and the need is great!**



How Can You Donate?

Please make your check payable to LCIF and on the memo line put your Lion membership number and Refugees & Displaced Persons Fund.

Donations made to this fund will qualify for your Melvin Jones Fellowship Credit and count towards Campaign 100 donations. All contributions are confidential.

You can send your contributions to either of the following:

LCIF

Department 4547

Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547

-or-

Al Cox

313 Worley Avenue

Clarksburg, WV 26301-3930

Thank You!

PCC Al Cox

LCIF District Coordinator

(304) 216-5251

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**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

Across the District



Reported in June 2022

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Max J Garner	Bridgeport	Roger Murray
Jeana Anderson	Buckhannon	Benjamin Crutchfield, Jr
Jason L. Myers	Clarksburg	Albert Cox
William P. Bennett	East Lewis LC	Richard Smith
Crystal G Lough	East Lewis LC	John Hinzman
James C Lough	East Lewis LC	John Hinzman
Leslie J McCue	East Lewis LC	Brian McClain
Gary G Smith	East Lewis LC	W Howard Reeder
Cardyn E Wildman	East Lewis LC	John Hinzman
Brycen S Williams	East Lewis LC	John Hinzman
Shandi Johnson	Fort Ashby	Renee Douthitt
Chad Lindsay	Fort Ashby	Renee Douthitt
Ryan M Milbourne	Harpers Ferry Bolivar	Meredith Blackford
Kissick B Lindsay	Harrison County Hope Centennial	James Maher
Robin Skinner	Jane Lew	Timothy Skinner
Dalton M Gould	Lumberport	Gary Fain
Betty R O'Dell	Lumberport	Gary Fain
Valerie A Trott	Lumberport	Gary Fain
Linda M Wright	Lumberport	Gary Fain
Nicole D Taggart	Martinsburg	Marylyn Keesecker
Dianna J See	Moorefield	Sharon Bungard
Theresa L Shiflett	Mountain	Glen (Jay) Shiflett
Amy R Thompson	Mountain	Glen (Jay) Shiflett
Garret W Crossland-Bolyard	Parsons	Tom Felton
Nancy L Cramer	Rowlesburg	Bonnie Hemerick
Karen S Flynn	Rowlesburg	Nancy Cramer
William L Flynn	Rowlesburg	Nancy Cramer
Carole A Keplinger	Rowlesburg	Bonnie Hemerick
Jewel B Reed	Rowlesburg	Catherine Burke
Michele A Shay	Rowlesburg	Phillip Wotring
Thomas W Shay	Rowlesburg	Phillip Wotring
Debra M Taylor	Rowlesburg	Delores Riggs
Margie A Waybright	Rowlesburg	Joann Sisler
Garrett Norman	Shepherdstown Centennial	Patricia Hartmann
Jacob Hornick	Tygart Valley	Joseph Owens
Mike Kwasniewski	Tygart Valley	E Campbell
Lisa R Uphold	Valley District	Nellie Britton

**West Virginia Past
District Governors
Association**



**Council
Appreciation
Luncheon**

DATE: July 30, 2022

TIME: 12:30 PM

**WHERE: Cacapon Resort State Park – Fairfax Room
Berkeley Springs, WV**

*There will be a special guest speaker for the PDGA Appreciation Lunch –
First Year International Director Jay Moughon from Virginia*
**The Appreciation Lunch is open to all Lions –
Please Plan To Attend**

MENU SELECTION: (Circle your choice)

ROAST TURKEY

ROAST BEEF

BAKED COD with Lemon Butter

VEGETABLE FETTUCINE

Lunch includes: Potatoes, Salad, Dessert, Coffee, Iced tea, & Berkeley Springs Water

COST: \$22.00 per person --- Children 10 and under, who may attend - \$10.00 per child

*All Lions and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend to honor our outgoing
Council of Governors: CC John Mason, DG Ramona Sago, DG (PDG) Gary Boyd, and
DG Sue Long. This Appreciation Lunch also recognizes and honors all of the Multiple
District Chairpersons who proudly served during 2021-2022.*

NOTE:

**The Council of Governors official meeting will take place at 10:00 AM in the Fairfax Room-
Cacapon Resort State Park on the same date.**

Make your reservations in advance by contacting:

**PDG Glenn Ryburn at 304-258-8939 or cell 703-309-9325 or goryburn@gmail.com or
by (best choice) mailing this reservation to –**

PDG Glenn Ryburn – 236 Spicy Cedar Lane – Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

NAME (s)

Address /phone/ email

Make check to WVPDGA – Deadline for Reservations is July 22, 2022

Have a GREAT time and plan to spend the weekend in Berkeley Springs:

**Cacapon Resort State Park -- (304) 258-1022
Best Western -- (304) 258-9400**

**The Country Inn -- (304) 258-1200
www.travelberkeleysprings.com**

LIONS OF WEST VIRGINIA LEADERSHIP RETREAT

August 26-28, 2022

Flatwoods Days Inn & Suites and Conference Center

Registration Deadline: July 31, 2022



Registration Fee: \$80.00 Friday & Saturday – Three banquet meals, seminars & materials

\$55.00 Saturday only – Two banquet meals, seminars & materials

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

Rate: \$94.00 (up to 4 guests in a room) Deadline to Reserve: 8/16/2022

Breakfast box 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: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CLUB NAME: _____ DISTRICT: _____

FIRST-TIME ATTENDEE: _____ Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Amount Enclosed: Full \$80 _____ Saturday Only \$55 _____

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

Lion Mary Jane Bright, 86 Crescent View Drive, Fort Ashby, WV 26719

Contact Lion Mary Jane for more information at brights@atlanticbb.net or 304-813-2567/304-298-4304.

“LEADERSHIP and LEARNING are INDISPENSABLE to each other”



2022 Scholarship Application for First-Time Attendee

NOTE: The First-Time Attendee Scholarship is either \$55.00 or \$80.00, depending on Saturday only or full attendance. This amount covers registration for meals and classes and **not for lodging at Days Inn Flatwoods**. The two scholarships are to honor PID Fred Cole and PCC Terry Goodman.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE/EMAIL: _____

CLUB: _____

Please indicate below when you joined the Lions; why you are interested in attending the Leadership Retreat; if you have held any club offices; and other pertinent information. A separate sheet may be attached.

Signature

Date

Deadline to Apply: July 31, 2022

Please send the application to: Lion Mary Jane Bright, 86 Crescent View Drive, Fort Ashby, WV 26719 or via email at: brights@atlanticbb.net

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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