



The West Virginia Lion

98th Convention Issue

Virtual Convention

April 24, 2021

The Lions Club of Fort Ashby welcomes you to the 98th MD 29 Convention of the Lions of West Virginia

Robert S. Littlefield, Ph.D.

Past International Director • LCIF – Trustee for Constitutional Area I

Dr. Robert S. Littlefield from Oviedo, Florida, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 97th International Convention held in Toronto, Canada, July 4 through 8, 2014. Following his term on the LCI Board, he was appointed to a three-year term (2016-2019) as a Trustee on the LCIF Board of Directors representing Constitutional Area I (largest constitutional area membership). He is Chairperson of the 2019 DGE School scheduled for Oak Brook, IL, and Milan, Italy.



Director Littlefield is Founding Director of the Nicholson School of Communication and Media at the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

A member of the Fargo (ND) Lions Club since 1984, and associate member of the Oviedo Winter Springs Lions Club (FL) since 2016, Littlefield has held many offices within the association, including district governor, LCIF district coordinator, GLT district coordinator, council chair, multiple district convention chair, multiple district public relations chair, and is a certified guiding Lion. He served as president of the North Dakota Past District Governors' Association and was inducted into the ND Lions Hall of Fame in 2017.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the District Governor Excellence Award, nine Presidential Certificates of Appreciation, an International Leadership Award, the Senior Builder Key Award, and five International President's Medals. He is Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a Second Century Ambassador.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Littlefield is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the National Communication Association, the American Forensic Association, the National Speech and Debate Educators Association, and the Pi Kappa Delta National Forensic Honorary.

Director Littlefield and his wife, Lion Kathy, have two children and two grandchildren.

Multiple District 29 Virtual Convention
WEST VIRGINIA LIONS CELEBRATING 100 YEARS (1921-2021)
April 24, 2021

MD29 Business Session	8:30am – 10:00am
Break	10:00am – 10:15am
Keynote Address from PID Robert Littlefield	10:15am – 10:45am
Presentations	10:45am – 11:00am
Break	11:00am – 11:15am
Necrology Ceremony	11:15am – 11:45am
Break	11:45am – 12:00pm
Lunch Break-Out	12:00pm – 12:30pm
Lunch	12:30pm – 1:00pm
Seminar I – <i>Diabetes with Lion Brendan Byrne</i>	1:00pm – 1:30pm
Diabetes Q&A	1:30pm – 1:40pm
Break	1:40pm – 1:45pm
Seminar II – <i>Hearing Loss with Lion Lindsey Bruce</i>	1:45pm – 2:15pm
Hearing Loss Q&A	2:15pm – 2:25pm
Break	2:25pm – 2:30pm
Seminar III – <i>Campus Clubs with CC Gary Boyd and UC Campus Club President Eli Hughes</i>	2:30pm – 3:00pm
Campus Clubs Q&A	3:00pm – 3:10pm
Break	3:10pm – 3:15pm
Seminar IV – <i>Virtual Service Projects with Lion Matt Rafa</i>	3:15pm – 3:45pm
Virtual Service Project Q&A	3:45pm – 3:55pm
Break	3:55pm – 5:00pm
Virtual Happy Hour	5:00pm – 6:00pm

District Convention Calls

In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the Standard Form District By-Laws, I hereby issue the Official Call for the 2021 District 29-L Elections. The District 29-L Elections will be held Saturday afternoon, April 17, 2021. Balloting will be done by email. The purpose of the elections is to elect a District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, Trustees to the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation and other elected positions, if required. Issued by me on this day, February 5, 2021.

Ronald Grubb

District Governor, 29-L

In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the Standard Form District By-Laws, I hereby issue the Official Call for the 2021 District 29-C Convention. The District 29-C Convention will be held April 10, 2021 virtual election from 10 am to 3 pm.

The purpose of the convention is to elect a District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, Trustees to the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation and other elected positions, if required, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Issued by me on this 31 day of January, 2021.

PDG Charolette Henson

District Governor, 29-C

In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the Standard Form District By-Laws, I hereby issue the Official Call for the 2021 District 29-I Convention. The District 29-I Convention will be held Saturday morning, April 17, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. via ElectionRunner. The purpose of the convention is to elect a District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, Trustees to the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation and other elected positions, if required, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Issued by me on this 31 day of January, 2021.

John L. Mason

District Governor, 29-I

District Governor 29-L Ronald C. Grubb

What a Year!

I started the trip to be District Governor 29-L in late 2018. I have enjoyed the trip, met new lions from clubs in 29-L, then to International.



I went to Chicago in February of 2019, very intense training, but enjoyable. Met a lot of new Lions and Friends. The best Lions are the ones I met in my District. They are the ones, with a pandemic over their heads, done service projects and fund raisers to better their communities.

I want to thank my club, Westover Lion, MD-29 Secretary/Treasurer Ken Shahan who has put up with me and guided me on this trip. PDG Gary Pitcock and Bernice, PDG Bill Syphers, and IPID Steve Glass.

Most of all I want to thank my Cabinet, This has been a rough year, to say the least. Everyone that I have met or have asked to help in any way, exemplifies the meaning of We Serve.

The journey has been a lot of training, but I would say for any Lions that the journey is very satisfying. Lions that have been looking at being a District Governor...Go For The Journey.

I would like to thank the other two Governors, John Mason and Charolette Henson for being good friends. Thanks to 1VDG Ramona Sago for all that she has done in my journey to District Governor.

I would like to thank my wife, Mary Jane Grubb for putting up with me and being there when I go on these visits.

It has been an extreme pleasure to be 29-L District Governor 2020-21.

It has been a great year.

DG Ron Grubb



First Vice-District Governor
Ramona Sago



Second Vice-District Governor
Jay Houser

District Governor 29-C Charolette Henson

Oh, where has the year gone. A year ago when I started this journey was not as excited about Lionism and serving the Lions of my District as I am now.



This year have added lots of new members to my Lion family, not only from my District, but from the state of West Virginia and around the world.

I wish I could thank each of you individually, but as there is not enough time, I will just say Thank You here for being a Lion and for making my year as wonderful as it has been.

Traveling the District have learned of the enthusiasm of the Lions in District C. Looking forward to seeing this continue to grow in the years to come.

A special thank you to PID Steve Glass, PID Larry Johnson and PID Robert Browning for their help this year, for without it, I would not have made it.

To DG Ron Grubb and DG John Mason, thank you for not only being my fellow DG's but for being my friend.

To the clubs in my District, it has taken each one of you to make my year, and as I said to you when I visited, I'm just the District Governor, you are the ones that make Lions what it is in the District. Thank you for all your hard work.

A special thank you to my cabinet for without each of you, we could not have made it this year.

I consider the Lions my family and this year my family has just got bigger. So as the year comes to an end and a new one begins, hope you will continue to work in your clubs, communities, district and state to make Lionism better each day.

DG Charolette Henson



Second Vice-District Governor
Bill Surratt

District Governor 29-I

John Mason

In a world where you can be anything, be kind



Please remember to Be Patient-you do not know what the other person is going through. Be Positive-there is so much negativity in the world today. Be KIND-a small act of kindness can make the biggest difference in someone's life.



In the past, District Governors would comment "I cannot believe my DG year is coming to its end. It has been such a great year. I am so humbled by all the Lions I met during my visits to each of the clubs and all the service activities they perform." But this year, we are all glad to see this year come to an end and the possibilities of a better and brighter future. We will never forget this past year.

My wife, Kim, and I have been in locations we have never visited previously. We have seen beautiful small towns nestled in our hills and mountains. Traveling in the fall was especially wonderful. We love our visits and everyone we met. We were not able to visit all clubs and meet all Lions due to the pandemic. The hospitality that we experienced was overwhelming. I am so very proud of each member and everything that you do, the many things we have accomplished because of your hard work and dedication.

We have many more things to accomplish in the coming months. We need to have 100% club participation WV Sight Conservation Foundation and the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Through December 2020, our members have been increased by 72 new members. We have lost too many members due to the death. LCI has agreed the new membership fee waiver will be extended to 6/30/21. The Executive Officers and the International Board knows that we are in exceedingly difficult times with this pandemic and knows that this will help our organization. Now, let's go out there to recruit new members to help us. With new members come new ideas for meaningful projects. We still need to charter one new club. I am positive that we will make our goals by the State Convention.

It is a year we will all never forget. I give thanks to all who helped me on this journey. It has been a pleasure working with First VDG Susan Long, Second VDG Gray Jones, and the entire district cabinet-thank you so much for your hard work.

To DG Charolette Henson and DG Ron Grubb - Thank you for not only being my fellow DG's but for being my friend. I would like to thank my home club, Berkeley Springs Lions Club for their endorsement and support in hosting the Fall Conference; and all the Lions who give their time and money to serve.



First Vice-District Governor
Susan Long



Second Vice-District Governor
Gray Jones

WEST VIRGINIA LIONS SIGHT CONSERVATION FOUNDATION *providing sight, hearing and low vision services to all West Virginians*

Helen Keller challenged International Convention delegates at Cedar Point, Ohio, in 1925 to become “Knights of the Blind” in the crusade against darkness.

The West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation was formed on June 6, 1959, by delegate vote at the Lions State Convention in Charleston, West Virginia. Founder Leonard Jarrett dedicated the Foundation’s purpose to meeting the sight and hearing needs of state citizens who do not have access to such services due to economic or other barriers.

In 1961, WVLSFC established a partnership with West Virginia University to benefit the lives that both have committed to serving, efforts which continue half a century later.

While 20/20 signifies “perfect vision”, the year 2020 changed our lives drastically. We were not able to celebrate a Lions’ Day at the Eye Institute in Morgantown. With hope, we move forward to a new normal, and envision such an event in 2021.

The Foundation can only continue its service to our citizens in need through the support of generous individuals and faithful Lions Clubs in Multiple District 29. Without their dedication and that financial support, we could not sustain Leonard Jarrett’s dream and vision.

The Leonard Jarrett award is given as the highest honor to a worthy person whose efforts exemplify utmost service toward the sight or hearing needs of others. MD-29 Clubs who contribute \$1,000 to the Foundation should choose an awardee whose community service meets that criteria.

The officers and trustees of the Foundation appreciate every single dollar we receive. We are truly grateful for all of your continued generous support.

For more information, fund us online at <http://www.wvsight.org/>

Yours in Lionism, Kathy Brockett
President WVLSFC • 2020-2021

**West Virginia
Lions Sight
Conservation
Foundation,
Inc.**

*Lions Helping
West
Virginians
Preserve Their
Sight*



*"West Virginians helping West
Virginia citizens in need."*



**2021 Multiple District 29 Virtual Convention
Registration Form
April 24, 2021**

VIRTUAL CONVENTION **NEED VALID EMAIL**

Registration Fee: \$5.00

PLEASE PROVIDE EMAIL ADDRESS FOR ZOOM LINK

Names: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email: (PRINT LEGIBLY) _____

Telephone: _____

Club: _____ District L C I

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Amount enclosed: _____

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!!!!!!

Make checks payable to 2021 MD 29 Convention. Please mail completed registration by April 17th, 2021 to:

FVDG Sue Long
P.O. Box 988
Fort Ashby, WV 26719

If you have any questions, please contact:

FVDG Sue Long at 301-707-8503 or susanplong51@gmail.com or
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Lions Club International

Dear Lion,

Due to the continuing concerns about the corona virus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Although we are disappointed that we won't be able to host this event in person, we are excited about hosting our first virtual international convention that can safely connect Lions from around the world. We are still finalizing the details of your new convention experience, and will share those with you as soon as they are ready.

Here are some important details about the 2021 virtual convention we'd like to share with you:

- **Everyone's invited** – Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- **Registration fees** – The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.
- **Current registrants** – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- **Elections** – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- **Convention updates** – Check our convention website LCIcon for convention updates and details as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world, and thank you for your incredible service as a Lion.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

The Fort Ashby Lions Club is honored to be the host of the 2021 Multiple District 29 Virtual Convention. The Fort Ashby Lions Club has been active in our community and dedicated to Lionism for 73 years.



Thanks to the hard work of the Fort Ashby Lions Club and the Convention Committee Co-Chairpersons FVDG Sue Long and Lion Mary Jane Bright and PCC Doug Long and PCC Rob Bright for making this a most memorable and rewarding virtual convention.

Sincere appreciation to:

Lion Jordan Glass Williams



Lion Daniel Elkins

Thank you for all your hard work and assistance in developing this Virtual Convention.

Fort Ashby Lions
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