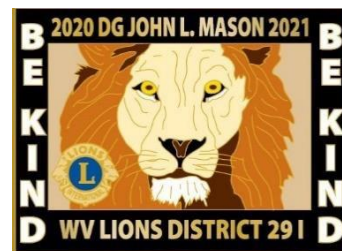




May 2021

Lion John Mason, District Governor

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



If you have not scheduled your DG visit and would like Lion Kim and I to visit your club, please reach out to me to schedule. We still have a couple of months remaining in my year as your DG.

Membership Update-District 29 I has added 92 new members. The NAMI contest winners: the Individual winner with 13 new members is Cheryl Roberts. The Club leader with 15 new members is Shepherdstown Centennial. LCI has extended the waiver of the entrance fee until June 30, 2021.

Spark Innovation for Your Club

Sustainable growth and effective service require new ideas and actions. Visit the Lions Learning Center (LLC) and take the **Promoting Innovation** course, offering suggestions for stimulating creativity and generating an environment that supports innovation in your club. [**START LEARNING**](#) ◉

Club Officer Training

Looking to learn more about your club officer role? Take our Club Officer Training, available in the Lions Learning Center, to receive an overview of your role and responsibilities as well as a general look at the club structure. [**LEARN MORE**](#) ◉

Meet Connect — Your New Online Meeting Tool

With Connect, club officers can host and run online meetings with up to 75 participants, including non-Lions. Explore Connect and start planning your next meeting today!

[**LOG IN**](#) ◉

Now that your club has held its election of officers for the upcoming 2021-2022 year, please enter your club's new officers in MyLCI by May 15th.

DG John
"Be Kind"

District Governor Calendar 2020-2021



May 2021

11 Junior LC DG Visit Junior Community Center 6:30 pm

June 2021

25-29 LCI International Convention Virtual



District 29-I LCIF Campaign 100 Update

As of April 30th, forty of the fifty-six Lions Clubs (71%) in our District along with contributions from individual Lions donated \$21,139 to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Sixteen clubs have yet to make a contribution. Last year these remaining clubs gave \$6,513 and if they contribute the same amount as last year, this year's total should be at least \$27,652. If individual Lions make a personal donation and some clubs would increase their contribution a little, we could even exceed last year's

total. We only have two months left to meet our goal of \$30,000 in this year's campaign. 100% of the donations goes to provide relief for those in need. West Virginia has received much more help from LCIF than it has given.

We need your help!

If you have any questions, please call our LCIF District Coordinator PCC Al Cox:

(304) 216-5251 or by email by at anewtc2@aol.com.

Additional Campaign 100 Updates:

- Due to the global Covid-19 Pandemic, the 3-year campaign is being extended one more year to reach the goal of raising \$300 million for LCIF. As of the end of April total fundraising worldwide amounted to \$202,908,293.
- The LCIF Tell-A-Thon held on April 11th raised \$885,000 and was viewed by approximately 165,000 Lions.



Sue Long
First Vice District Governor

SOME THINGS ARE MEANT TO BE REPEATED

As I begin to look at my new role as District Governor beginning in July, I am wondering how many clubs are struggling with the problem of having members stepping up to leadership roles. Are they afraid of not doing a good job? Do they feel they are not good enough to take the position? Are they too busy or are they having a problem prioritizing their responsibilities? When we reflect on the words we responded to when taking the oath as a Lion, we forget that being a leader is serving. Going outside the box is hard for some yet easy for others. Do we take the safe journey or move forward with our head, heart or guts? If the road gets rocky and rough, do we proceed, or drop to the side hoping someone will come by and pick us up. When I start to question myself in some decisions to be made I go back and read this poem again:

Don't Quit

*When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When funds are low and the debts are high.
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh;
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.*

*Life is strange with its twists and turns,
As everyone of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow
You may succeed with another blow.*

*Success is failure turned inside out -
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell just how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit -
It's when things seem worst
That you must not quit.*

DGE Sue Long



Lion Gray Jones
Second Vice District Governor



“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” – Margaret Mead

“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.” - Albert Einstein

“I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.” – Albert Schweitzer

Interested in having your club provide some different kinds of service? Check out the [Global Service Team Toolbox](#). Want to explore project ideas, but hesitant about getting in too deep? Look at [Service Programs, Project Planners and Project Ideas](#). Scroll down to Service Project Ideas. Each of the five global causes (Diabetes, Vision, Hunger, Environment and Childhood Cancer) shows a number of project ideas with Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced sections! Want to look at the three focus areas that aren't directly among the global causes (Youth, Disaster Relief, and Humanitarian)? Look under Support Your Foundation (menu at top of page).

Found a project you'd like to try? Look again at [Service Programs, Project Planners and Project Ideas](#). There's probably a project planner for it. Scroll down to Service Project Planners! In short, take action, but don't get hung up on perfection. The wonderful thing about service to others is that it's not the outcome or results that matter the most. It's the heart driving the attempt.

After your project, report it in MyLion. Why bother? There are practical reasons to report. Much of the good we Lions do is possible because of grants from wealthy philanthropic organizations which are much more likely to provide grants when we can show, with numbers and data, that we are truly engaged and making a difference. There are also motivational reasons to report. Your report may trigger a desire in someone else to attempt something similar! It's no longer difficult to report your club's service.

In summary, I'd like to revisit one of my favorite quotes from the perspective of service. That quote, variously attributed to Lao Tzu, Mahatma Gandhi, Frank Outlaw, Robert E. Wells, and others: *“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.”* If we continuously ask ourselves what we can do to help/serve others, how might that change us? How might that change the world?

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Common Questions about the Leo Club Program

How do you organize a Leo club? Information about organizing a new Leo club is contained in a free Leo Club Organization Kit available from the Youth Programs Department at International Headquarters or on the LCI website in the “Leo Zone” section.

What are the costs involved in Leo club sponsorship? Lions club sponsors must pay a one-time Leo club organization fee of US\$100.00. This fee covers:

- a Certificate of Organization;
- a Leo club officer kit;
- a Leo club sponsor kit; and
- Leo lapel pins for each of the charter members.

Lions club sponsors are welcome to purchase Leo new member kits through the Lions Clubs Supplies Store. In addition, Leo membership cards, Leo new member certificates and the Leo new member guide are available for download through MyLCI.

To cover the administrative costs of the Leo Club Program, every Lions club sponsor is assessed a US\$100.00 annual Leo club levy. This levy is billed to the account of the Lions club sponsors each July. The levy is waived for the fiscal year in which the Leo club is certified.

How do Leo clubs receive their certification? Once the prospective Leos agree to form a new club (it is suggested that new Leo clubs have at least 20members), they elect their club officers. The president of the sponsoring Lions club then submits a completed Leo Club Organization Report (Leo-51) to the Youth Programs Department. The new club's official certification date is the date that this report is reviewed and approved at headquarters. The chartering process may take up to 4-6 weeks, depending on the time of year.

Are there age limits for Leos? Yes. Leo club members must be between the ages of 12 and 30. Within this age range, Alpha Leo clubs are designed for young people between 12 and 18 years of age. This track focuses on the individual and social development of teens and preteens. Omega clubs are tailored for young adults between 18 and 30 years of age. This track focuses on the personal and professional development of young adults.

Must Leos be sons or daughters of Lions? No. Leo club membership is open to any young person of good character. Eligibility is determined by the Leo club committee of the sponsoring Lions club.

What is the relationship between the sponsor Lions club and a Leo club? The sponsor Lions club is responsible for guiding and counseling its Leo club. By working closely with Leos, Lions ensure that their sponsored club operates within the policies of Lions Clubs International. Lions work with Leos in an open, constructive manner.

What is a Leo club advisor? In consultation with the Leo club, a Lion is appointed to serve as an advisor for the Leo club. This individual should be someone who enjoys working with youth. The leadership provided by an advisor often affects the success of a Leo club. The advisor, along with two other appointed Lions, forms the Leo club advisory committee. Often, school-based Leo clubs are required to have a faculty member as an advisor. If the faculty member is not a Lion from the sponsoring Lions club, a Lion co-advisor should be selected to maintain close rapport with the Lions club on an ongoing basis.

Can more than one Lions club sponsor a Leo club? Yes. With written approval of the district governor, two or more Lions clubs may jointly sponsor a single Leo club. The Lions club sponsors will have equal representation on the Leo advisory committee. One Lions club sponsor should be designated to serve as the permanent liaison with International Headquarters concerning Leo club billings and administration. There is no limit to the number of Leo clubs that a single Lions club can sponsor.

Can branch or Lioness clubs sponsor a Leo club? No. Only Lions clubs can sponsor Leo clubs. Branch and Lioness club members can serve as co-advisors for Leo clubs.

Can Lions clubs pay Leo fees and levies from their activity account? Yes. Leo clubs are an official Lions club activity. Therefore, Leo fees and levies can be paid from the Lions club's activity and/or administrative account. Likewise, either account may fund the administrative expenses of the Leo club.

Can Leo clubs pay their own fees or levies? Indirectly. A sponsor Lions club is responsible for all fees and levies relating to its Leo club. However, some Leo clubs choose to repay their sponsor Lions clubs for these items.

Can Leos order supplies from headquarters? As a sponsored activity of a Lions club, a Leo club does not have an account with the association. When purchasing items from International Headquarters, Leos can send a US dollar check or money order; or Leo club purchases can be billed to the account of the Lions club sponsor if authorization is given by an officer of the sponsoring Lions club.

Do Leos have to submit monthly membership reports? Yes. Leo club secretaries should submit monthly membership reports to International Headquarters using MyLCI, the online membership and service activity reporting system. In addition, incoming Leo club officers should be reported by May 15. A Leo club officers' packet is mailed annually around March/April to reported Leo club advisors. Name or address changes for Leo club advisors and officers should be immediately reported to the Youth Programs Department or via MyLCI.

What awards are available for Leos? Leadership, membership and extension awards are available for Leos and Leo clubs. A complete list of Leo awards is available on the LCI website at www.lionsclubs.org in the "Leo Zone". In addition, there are Leo awards available for purchase through the online Lions Clubs Supplies Store.

What are Leo districts? When there are six or more officially certified Leo clubs in a Lions district, the district governor can approve the formation of a Leo district. The territorial boundaries of the Leo district must match those of the sponsoring Lions district. All Leo districts must follow the guidelines stated in the Standard Leo District Constitution approved by the International Board of Directors.

When there are ten or more Leo clubs in a Lions multiple district, a Leo multiple district may be organized. Leo membership within the multiple district must exceed 100. The council of governors must approve the formation of a Leo multiple district. All Leo multiple districts must follow the guidelines stated in the Standard Leo Multiple District Constitution approved by the International Board of Directors.

Can Leos serve on the Lions district cabinet? If the Leo also happens to be a Lion, he or she may serve on the Lions district cabinet, if appointed.

Do sponsoring Lions districts have authority over Leo districts? Yes. The sponsoring Lions district must approve of the following: scheduling of the annual Leo district conference, the actions of Leo district conferences, per capita Leo district taxes, and Leo district accounts. In addition, sponsoring Lions districts may terminate Leo districts after submitting a written notice of their withdrawal of sponsorship.

Can Leo clubs be placed on "status quo"? No. Status quo does not apply to Leo clubs. If a Leo club becomes inactive, the Lions club sponsor can choose to continue its sponsorship in anticipation of eventual reorganization. The Leo club retains its active status until the international office receives the Leo Club Termination Form (Leo-86) from the sponsoring Lions club, or the sponsoring Lions club has been canceled for more than 180 days.

What happens to a Leo club when its Lions club sponsor is placed on status quo or is canceled? A Leo club is not immediately affected when its sponsor Lions club is placed on status quo. If the sponsor Lions club is subsequently canceled, the Leo club is granted a 180-day "grace" period to find a new Lions club sponsor, before the Leo club is canceled as well.

Are Leo club members and volunteers covered under the association's comprehensive general liability insurance program? Yes. The policy names Leo club members as insured. The policy covers injuries sustained by third parties as well as damage to property owned by third parties to a limit of US\$1 million per occurrence if the Leo club is held legally responsible. Please refer to the Lions Clubs International Liability Program (LA3) for complete information.

Can the Leo emblem appear on articles sold to the public or other Lions? As with Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts, Leo clubs, districts and multiple districts may need to seek approval when using the Lions and Leo trademarks. Please refer to the Lions Clubs International Trademark Policies for complete information.



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