



May 2022
Lion Sue Long
District Governor



CHAPTER 10 – The Stories Our Scars Tell

As you know I love to tell and listen to stories that reflect the work and service that Lions have performed over the past 100 plus years.

When I was 15, the tall, handsome mailman in his crisp blue uniform sauntered up to our front porch. “I haven’t seen you folks around for a few weeks,” he said. Mom explained that we’d been away at the Cleveland Clinic where I’d undergone brain surgery. Mr. Dean admired my chic, frosted hairdo. “Well, you sure don’t look like anyone who’d has a big operation, young lady,” he said. “Show him your scar, honey!” Mom said to my utter humiliation. I peeled off my new acrylic wig and leaned over to reveal the ear-to-ear incision on my stubbly head. I thought I would die. But after that, Mr. Dean was the warmest, kindest man I’d ever known. One day when Mom was not around, he told me about his own scar, hidden by that polished uniform and the face he wore...It’s a funny thing about scars. When I look into the mirror, I’m not ashamed of them anymore. They remind me of wonderful people like Mr. Dean and the countless people who face unspeakable changes in their lives. Scars tell their stories. Of suffering redeemed to become courage, resilience, faith and hope.

“The scars tell people where they have been and who took care of them on the journey”

As Lions, we have helped and served many people in many ways. These past 2 years have left many individuals (adults young and old, children) scarred from all sorts of dramatic issues, loss of jobs, closing of schools, illness, loss of family members, hunger, to name a few. We may not be able to heal all the scars but there is a start by being there not only as listeners but also by our own personal stories. Our stories are our way of sharing the brilliance of human frailty when interceded by the unlimited, unwavering power of serving others. As Lions we open our hearts and believe the slightest sign of compassion and giving can make a difference in those who are scarred.

Thank you for helping me heal my scars. My year as Governor has been so rewarding. Your hospitality on the visits have been amazing. Your personal stories have shown me that Lionism is alive and well in our District.



District Governor Calendar 2021-2022



Schedule of Events

May:

2	Moorefield/Petersburg – Petersburg City Park	6:30 pm
5	Keyser	6:00 pm
11	Lost Creek, Johnstown – Methodist Church	6:30 pm
16	Stonewood	6:30 pm

June:

24 -28	International Convention – Montreal, Canada
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August:

26, 27	WVLLR Flatwoods
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Lion Gray Jones First Vice District Governor



"Each one of us is responsible for the world - each one of us must give a hand to build our world in a humane manner, crossing faith, fate and family." - Abhijit Naskar

"Responsibility changes everything. The moment we decide that we are the ones who are capable of and responsible for changing things, everything shifts." - John B. Izzo

We just concluded a very successful MD 29 Convention – the convention for the whole state of West Virginia. I wish more of you could have attended. We need your help to make the districts provide your clubs with even better support.

Some folks, like one of my daughters, a very dedicated dental technician, have no desire to broaden their responsibilities beyond trying to excel at what they do. Others would like to broaden their reach and embrace challenges beyond their club, but often don't know how to do so. Others are a little intimidated by the thought of piling even more onto their current responsibilities. We love, respect, and have a place for all of you in Lions!

We do need more people willing to expand their Lions horizons to embrace other clubs and shoulder additional responsibilities. So what do the districts do for your clubs and where can we use support?

The three districts in WV (L, C, and I) provide training for your club officers and for the zone chairpersons who work with 5 to 8 geographically-aligned clubs. They hold yearly conferences to provide opportunities for all clubs to get together, socialize, receive classes on various topics of interest to Lions, and discuss the state of the district. They provide "experts" in the Lions global causes, in ways to get LCIF grants, ways to receive support from the West Virginia Lions Sight and Conservation Foundation, how to provide service dogs to those who need them, and how to support youth in attending camps, learning how to be good citizen leaders, learning how to read, entering the peace poster contest, and providing recreation and work support to our blind and deaf students. And there are those Lions working behind the scenes to provide these newsletters, maintain the web pages, putting on the conference, and supporting the state convention.

We also provide leadership training for district and club leaders, support for club secretaries and club administrators in entering service activities, and support to clubs recruiting new members, starting branch or specialty clubs, and retaining current members.

If you're interested in exploring how you might broaden your impact in Lions, please get in touch with me at wgrayjones@gmail.com. I'm not a salesman, I don't twist arms, and I'll tell you the truth – unvarnished! But I would love to hear from you and about your interests. We need the people who want to only support their local communities: that keeps our clubs strong. We need folks who would like to support more than just their own club, and we welcome those who might be willing to do more when . . . (they retire, their nests become empty, when their term with the school board ends, when their office in the rotary club ends, when their responsibilities as a deacon in their church slacks off some, and any other reasons they are currently too busy to do more. We'll even provide some material to ponder and get better acquainted with possible next steps.

As Lions, We Serve. Mostly we serve our communities, but some of us also serve the broader community of Lions Clubs. I invite you to explore additional ways you may serve.



Lion Kermit Hawley
Second Vice District
Governor

IT'S THE LAW OF COMMON SENSE... If too many people enjoy the free ride
and not enough People help Pull,
The Wagon Isn't going anywhere!

In September of 2005, on the first day of school, Martha Cothren, History teacher at Robinson High School in Little Rock, did something not to be forgotten. On the first day of school, with the permission of the school superintendent, the principal and the building supervisor, she removed all of the desks in her classroom. When the first period kids entered the room they discovered that there were no desks.

"Ms. Cothren, where are our desks?" She replied, "You can't have a desk until you tell me how you earn the right to sit at a desk." They thought, well maybe it's our grades, "no," she said. "Maybe it's our behavior"; "She told them, "No, it's not even your behavior."

And so, they came and went, the first period, second period, third period. News crews had started gathering at the school to report about this crazy teacher who had taken all the desks out of her room

The final period of the day came and as the puzzled students found seats on the floor of the desk-less classroom. Martha Cothren said, "Throughout the day no one has been able to tell me just what he or she has done to earn the right to sit at the desks that are ordinarily found in this classroom. Now I am going to tell you."

At this point, Martha Cothren went over to the door of her classroom and opened it. Twenty-seven (27) U.S. Veterans, all in uniform, walked into that classroom, each one carrying a school desk. The Vets began placing the school desks in rows, and then would walk over and stand alongside the wall. By the time the last soldier had set the final desk in place those kids started to understand, perhaps for the first time in their lives, just how the right to sit at those desks had been earned.

Martha said, "You didn't earn the right to sit at these desks. These heroes did it for you. They placed the desks here for you. They went halfway around the world, giving up their education and interrupting their careers and families so you could have the freedom you have. Now, it's up to you to sit in them. It is your responsibility to learn to be good students, to be good citizens. They paid the price so that you could have the freedom to get an education. Don't ever forget it."

This is a true story. And this teacher was awarded the Veterans of Foreign Wars Teacher of the year for the State of Arkansas in 2006. She is the daughter of a WWII POW.

Do you think this is worth passing along so others won't forget either, that the freedoms we have in this great country were earned by our U.S. Veterans?...I did.

Let us always remember the men and women of our military and rights they have won for us.

This story was taken from the internet, Author unknown

Saying: It's surprising how well your own car runs after you ask the price of a new one.

Have the best May!. Enjoy mowing the grass. Lion Kermit Hawley...God Bless!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



with the

Clarksburg Lions Club

All-you-can-eat pancakes!

**Served with a limited supply of sausage,
and coffee or orange juice.**

\$7 for adults / \$5 for kids 6-12 / 5 & under free

MAY 7, 2022

PWA (BEHIND COURTHOUSE)

FREE PARKING ON-SITE

8AM-11:30AM

DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT

Your purchase supports our Clarksburg community,
hearing & sight programs, and other initiatives that
benefit our wonderful friends & family!

**District 29-I
2021-2022
100% Secretary Nomination Form**

Name of Secretary: _____

Name of Club: _____

Year: _____

I certify that the following accomplishments were achieved during the year shown by the above named secretary:

1. A complete club roster and directory were provided to each club member by the end of July 2021, and updates were provided quarterly as members were added transferred or dropped.
2. All members desiring to transfer into the club or another club were properly processed within 30 days of the request by the member on the ME-20 Form and reported to MY LCI on the MMR.
3. All monthly membership reports (MMR) were submitted to My LCI by the last day of the month.
4. All club activity reports (MAR-Service) were submitted to MY Lion by the 10th day of the following month.
5. The secretary or designated representative of the secretary attended each scheduled zone meeting during the year.
6. The secretary attended at least one Club Officer Training session during or immediately before commencing his/her term as secretary. The date of the training must be included in this application.
7. All club dues were paid both to LCI and the District Cabinet secretary/Treasurer by the deadlines established by the District Governor.
8. The club did not have an outstanding balance owed to LCI or District 29-I at any time for more than ninety days, and there were no outstanding balances on May 31, 2022.
9. All club membership applications were properly completed with the requested information and are on file with the secretary's records and LCI.

Club President's
signature: _____ Date: _____

OR

Zone Chairperson's
signature: _____ Date: _____

This form is due to DG Sue Long by June 15, 2022.

Mail to: PO Box 988 Fort Ashby WV. 26719



Lions Clubs International

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

Berkeley Springs Lions Club



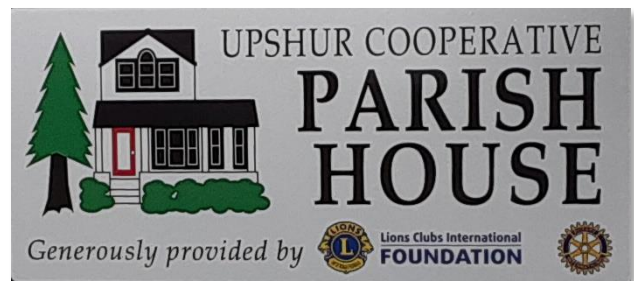
The Berkeley Springs Lions Club had an unexpected visitor at the regular meeting on April 26, 2022. The Long Ranger (Tail Twister – Lion Jim Riffle) came and gave his reasons for being with us, and then took from the rich Lions (fines) and gave to the poor-in-need. A great time was had by all and WE SERVE.

Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) Chairperson's Medal



On behalf of the Chairperson of the LCIF Board of Trustees, PIP Gudrun Yngvadottir, WV MD 29 LCIF Coordinator PID Larry Johnson and Area LCIF Area Leader PCC John Knepper from Virginia present the medal to LCIF District I Coordinator PCC Al Cox. The award is given to Lion presidents and LCIF district coordinators who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to LCIF.

LCIF grant awarded to District 29-I for the UPSHUR COOPERATIVE PARISH HOUSE Food Pantry for UPSHUR County. Matching Donation funds also came from Lions Clubs and Rotarians from UPSHUR County. A new Truck was bought from the funds to transport food.



Highlights from 2022 Convention



International Guest PID Mark
Lyon and wife Lion Lyn



DG Sue Long and
PDG Doug Long



DG Gary Boyd
and wife
Lion Kelly



PID Larry Johnson and wife,
Lion Rachel



PID Bob Browning and
wife, Lion JoEllen



Lion Mary Jane Bright received the
Presidential Medal from
PID Mark Lyon. Lion Kermit received
the Leadership Medal



DG Sue receiving the Dudley
Simms Membership Award



Moirra Hally, Multiple Peace
Poster winner receiving
check from DG Gary Boyd



Lion Chris Douthitt giving
the invocation Saturday
evening

Introduction of District 29-I: 1st DGE Gray Jones
and wife, Lion Shelly and FVDG Kermit Hawley and wife, Lion Judy
with the guests at the head table, Sunday lunch



Helping Ukrainian Refugees

Do you or your Lions Club want to assist Ukrainian refugees? Did you know that you can do it through the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)? LCIF is awarding grants to Lions supporting Ukrainian refugees who have crossed their borders. Lions in Ukraine have also received LCIF grants to address the critical needs of people who remain in the country. Grant funding will enable Lions to purchase and distribute immediate relief items, such as food, clothing, hygiene supplies, sleeping bags and medicine.

LCIF is actively collecting donations to its Refugees and Displaced Persons fund, which will help ensure that Lions are there to help them find the safety and security they desperately need. All donations – 100% – benefit grants and programs and qualify for limited-edition Campaign 100 recognition and Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or Progressive MJF. (Donations made to this fund are not eligible to receive District and Club Community Impact Grants.)

An easy way to donate is to go to lionsclubs.org and click on “Refugees and Displaced Persons Fund” at the very top of the page.

To learn more about what is being done in Ukraine, at the top of the home page, click on “we are supporting Ukraine.”

Legacy Gifts

You can make a big impact with a future gift to LCIF. When you include Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in your estate plan, your generosity makes sure we can continue to bring volunteers together to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace, and promote international understanding. The Foundation has complete information and many helpful resources at lcif.myplannedgift.org.

The End is Near!

There are just three months remaining in Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service. LCIF’s comprehensive capital campaign ensures Lions can increase their service impact, fight diabetes, and make meaningful progress in expanded global cause areas, including childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment. You can make a pledge now, payable over three years, and the entire amount will be credited to the campaign. All donations are eligible for Melvin Jones recognition as well as special Campaign 100 recognitions

Submitted by:

Larry G. Johnson, PID

MD 29 LCIF Coordinator



Reported in April 2022

New Member	Club	Sponsor
Gloria FF Dutchess	Bridgeport	Annie Bronsak
Alexandria N. Leach	Bridgeport	John Vash
Grant Keegan Shepherd	Inwood Bunker Hill	
Maria Christine Gatian	Jane Lew	William White
Eric Bautista	Rowlesburg	Delores Riggs
Roxanne Bautista	Rowlesburg	Delores Riggs
Patricia J. Wotring	Rowlesburg	Bonnie Hemerick
Mercedes M. Prohaska	Shepherdstown Centennial	Euphemia Kallas
Dwayne A. Brown	Tennerton	Larry Wamsley
Ruth Williams	Tennerton	Edith Casto
Destry E. Daniels	West Milford	William Courtney
Jodi L. Daniels	West Milford	Hilda Clutter
Matt Rudder	West Milford	Jeffrey Barnhart
Pam L. Rudder	West Milford	Jeffrey Barnhart



Deceased Member	Club
Bernard E. Cain	Jane Lew
Barbara Gorby	Nutter Fort



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/5SrjNWyYL257U1aA>>, contact your local club
president, or contact District 29I Diabetes Chairperson Lion
Brendan Byrne at lionbrendanbyrne@gmail.com

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 Sue @

susanplong51@gmail.com



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standards the Lions Club have used for over 75
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