



Lion Gray Jones District Governor

"The truth is like a Lion. You don't have to defend it. Let it loose. It will defend itself." St. Augustine

"The true measure of greatness of a human being is their ability to express love in relationship." Walter Russell

"Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference." Winston Churchill



September started out with a great visit with the Bridgeport Lions club. An article in Connect-Bridgeport is a stellar example of how to connect your club's activities with the media. Kudos to the Bridgeport Club and extra Kudos to Dave Lang for having led volunteers in creating 588 (and counting) beds and bedding for kids who don't have one to sleep in! Tear-jerker quote: "kids even ask: 'this pillow is for me?'" Article reprint follows below.

On September 11, I was privileged to enjoy a picnic with the Fort Ashby Lions and a Scouting USA Court of Honor with the Scout troop they sponsor. What a great group of young men. I had a wonderful visit, and had the honor of inducting David Kajut into the Pride!

On September 12, I visited with the Mt. Storm Lions Club. What a marvellous group of Lions! Good food, good companionship, and great questions!

From the 15th through the 17th, my wife and I attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Calgary, Canada. This forum is a wonderful opportunity to learn about many Lions topics, meet informally with International Directors and members of the Lions International staff, and meet other Lions from around the US and Canada. I highly recommend it as an advanced learning opportunity. Next year's forum will be in Reno, NV. You can find out about it at <https://lionsforum.org/>.

On the 27th, I visited with the Lumberport Lions Club and was honored to induct Lion Peggy Barrett into their club. Even though I kept mispronouncing Lumber**port** as "Lumberton", (an actual town in my birth state of NC), they forgave me (but I'm not so sure about Peggy!) I had an absolutely wonderful visit with a most friendly club!

I sometimes remember to tell the clubs I visit that Love, Service, and Heroism are all facets of the same core of humanity we see so often in Lions. Being grateful for what we have and willing to serve others is part of what makes us Lions. So how does "Heroism" fit with "Love" and "Service"? "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13) That's a huge service that we also consider as heroic. And, if we take the "heroic" situation out of the equation, we're left with those who only did their duty as they saw it. Thus, persevering in meeting your responsibilities is key. Calvin Coolidge noted that "Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."

Bridgeport Lions Club Honors David Lang for Sleep in Heavenly Peace Work with First-Ever Service Honor

By Connect-Bridgeport Staff on September 23, 2022

The Bridgeport Lions recently hosted Gray Jones, the newly installed District Governor of Lions District 29-I. Two of the district governor's platform items are to participate in new service projects in the community to create visibility and to recognize non-Lions who exhibit a "heart for service."

During the meeting, the Bridgeport Lions recognized David Lang, president of the Harrison County chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, as its first recipient of an individual exhibiting "a heart for service." Lang has headed SHP for several years and has lead groups in Harrison County as citizens have worked on building 580 on beds to date so "no kids in this town sleep on the floor."

Editor's Note: Pictured, from left, is Bridgeport Lions club President John Vash presenting David Lang with a "heart of service" token as District Governor Gray Jones looks on.



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The Rowlesburg Lion's Club participated in the Adopt-a-Highway program on September, 22, 2022. The group collection 14 bags of liter on the road leading into their town. Pictured are (left to right) are Lions Daphne Wotring, Margie Waybright, Bonnie Hemerick, Nancy Cramer, P.L Grimm and Phil Wotring.

District Governor
Calendar 2022-2023



Schedule of Events

October

Date	Time	Event	Location
3	6:30 PM	DG Visit with Buckhannon Kesling Mill Lions	Kesling Mill Community Center
6	6:00 PM	DG Visit with Mountain Lions	
10	6:00 PM	DG Visit with Paw Paw Lions	Paw Paw Fire Hall
11	6:00 PM	DG Visit with Junior Lions	Light of Christ Church, Belington, WV
12	6:30 PM	DG Visit with Lost Creek & Johnstown Lions	Lost Creek United Methodist Church
24	6:30 PM	DG Visit with Jane Lew Lions	Jane Lew United Methodist Church
26	7:00 PM	MD 29 GAT Meeting (Zoom)	
28-29		District 29I Fall Conference –	Coolfont Resort, Berkeley Springs, WV
29	9:00 AM	District 29-I Cabinet Meeting	Coolfont Resort, Berkeley Springs, WV
30	9:00 AM	PDGA Meeting	Coolfont Resort, Berkeley Springs, WV
30	9:30 AM	CoG Meeting	Coolfont Resort, Berkeley Springs, WV

November

Date	Time	Event	Location
4-6		District 29C Conference	Country Inn & Suites, Beckley, WV
14	6:30 PM	DG Visit with Elkins Lions	
15	5:45 PM	DG Visit with Nutter Fort Lions	1422 Buckhannon Pike, Nutter Fort
22	6:00 PM	DG Visit with Martinsburg Lions	Hoss's Restaurant Martinsburg

December

Date	Time	Event	Location
1	6:30 PM	DG Night with Romney Lions	Main Street Grill, Romney



Lion Kermit Hawley
First Vice District
Governor

Things people with integrity do differently: If they give you their word, you can count on it. They're not afraid to stand up for what is right. They live by the same standards they expect from others. They believe in transparency. They give credit where credit is due. They take ownership of their mistakes.

In The August and September Newsletters, we discussed how to access information at the Resource Center and online training available through the Learn Portal. This month we are going to look at Online training/WEBINAR. Let's first define what is a Webinar. According to Merrian-Webster, a webinar or (web seminar) is "a live online educational presentation during which participating viewers can submit questions and comments". You might be wondering, well what is a seminar? Definition "a meeting for giving and discussing information". The most recent Lion's webinar was September 22, 2022 "Achieving Club Excellence". To find out about any upcoming webinar you will need to go to the Virtual Event Center. I find the quickest way to get there is type in lion's webinars and click on virtual events center. You can find a list of previous webinars there. You can also find previous webinars by going in under Resource Center and typing webinars. While you are in the Resource Center scroll down to the bottom of the page to media and click on the video center page, scroll through the multitude of videos available.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Calgary, Canada. Quite a get together. I believe there were over 1200 Lions from Canada and the USA. My wife, Judy and myself, met Lions from as far away as Yukon, Canada and Hawaii, USA. Judy even met lions from her hometown of Rapid City, SD. There was a total of 80 seminars to choose from and three banquets to attend. Great city, great Lions, great learning experience and a great time.

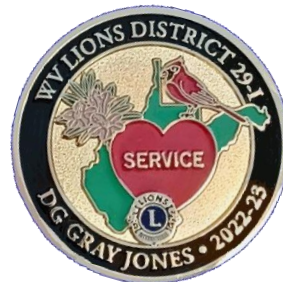
Hope to see you at the District Conference at Coolfont, Berkley Springs. Don't forget your Parade of Checks.

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake us up. That is hope
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old: I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.
7. Have a happy day and a wonderful October and live your life like these six stories.
Remember--Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace.



We Serve

**District 29I Conference
October 28-29, 2022
Coolfont Resort
Berkeley Springs, WV**



REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____ **District:** _____

Events: Friday Evening – Dinner, Halloween Costume Contest, music, prizes, and refreshments.
Saturday – District 29I Cabinet Meeting, Seminars, Lunch with music, silent auction, service projects, Strides Walk, Dinner with International Director Jeff Gans, special recognitions, parade of checks.

Registration Fee (includes meals identified above)	Friday and Saturday	\$ 85.00
	Saturday Only	\$ 65.00

* If anyone has special dietary needs, please list them: _____

Is this your first conference: _____ How many years have you been a Lion? _____
Yes or No

Treetop Lodge: Rooms are \$200.99 per night. In the Woodland Hotel (a short 5 minute walk from the lodge), rooms are \$160.99 per night. Alpine Cabins which house two couples in separate bedrooms) are \$375.00 for the weekend. Other options are also available!

Make reservations at The Coolfont Resort, (304) 500-0500 and ask for reservations. Be sure to mention that you're with the October Lions Club group to receive the discounted prices. The window to receive the discounts has now closed, but they will try to accommodate us!

MAKE REGISTRATION FEE CHECK PAYABLE TO: THE LIONS DISTRICT 29I CONFERENCE

Please, we need to receive your registrations by October 10th. Send registrations to

**Lion Nancy Paugh
49 Dawson Lane
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411**

**PARADE OF CHECKS
DISTRICT 29-I CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 28-29, 2022**

Please complete this form and return it to CC Sue Long (at the address below) or via e-mail by Monday October 10, 2022. **Individual checks should be made out to each program as listed.**

Checks may also be presented to the people manning the Registration desk on Friday evening or Saturday morning. Clubs not attending the conference should mail checks to CC Sue Long. Please email her the donation amounts at: (susanplong51@gmail.com). Each club will be recognized at the banquet and the amounts donated will be acknowledged provided this procedure is followed.

PROGRAMS

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF)	\$ _____
WV LIONS SIGHT CONSERVATION FOUNDATION (WVLSCF)	\$ _____
DIABETES	\$ _____
YOUTH EXCHANGE	\$ _____
MD – DEAF & BLIND RECREATION & SKI PROGRAM	\$ _____
ROMNEY DEAF & BLIND STUDENT WORK PROGRAM	\$ _____
LEADER DOGS	\$ _____
PILOT DOGS	\$ _____
DISASTER RELIEF	\$ _____
QUEST	\$ _____
OTHER _____	\$ _____
OTHER _____	\$ _____
OTHER _____	\$ _____
OTHER _____	\$ _____
OTHER _____	\$ _____
Club Name _____	

TOTAL DONATIONS: \$ _____

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

Disaster Relief & Recovery

Ukraine continues to need your help!

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-

John Mason

318 Fairview Drive

Berkeley Springs, WV 25411-3403

Thank You!

PCC John Mason

LCIF District Coordinator

304-820-7742



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Across the District
Reported in September 2022



New Member	Club	Sponsor
David Kajut	Fort Ashby	Jeffrey Adams



Deceased Member	Club
Harry Kelso	Fort Ashby

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DISTRICT 29I DIABETIC AWARENESS PIN

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Grader
Ms. Madison
Burnside
(Buckhannon
-Upshur
Middle
School)



Cost: \$4.00 per pin

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