



September 2021

Lion Sue Long
District Governor



CHAPTER 2 - THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

This past month has been a wonderful experience, learning the stories of the clubs I have visited. As my year progresses and I visit other clubs, I hope to learn more about the way they serve and the Aha! moments that they have experienced throughout their years as a Lion. Some of those moments are:

Delivering food to others who are homebound or have been through disasters.

Helping a family whose home burned down and lost everything.

Providing scholarships to students who otherwise could not go to college due to lack of funds.

Building and maintaining community parks.

Providing medical equipment.

Providing examination and glasses to individuals who have never had clear vision.

Raising money for a student going blind and to have corrective eye surgery outside the United States.

Helping a local nursing home to be rebuilt.

Taking individuals to medical appointments who have no transportation or family close by.

These are just a few of the many ways our clubs serve. In some communities the Lions are not a household word. We need to change this!!!! This is a great way to gain membership by promoting our service. BE PROUD TO BE A LION AND SHARE YOUR STORIES!!!!!!

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

YOURS IN LIONISM

DG SUE

District Governor Calendar 2021-2022



Schedule of Events

September:

8 - 12	USA/Canadian Leadership Forum	
14	Jane Lew – Watter Smith Memorial State Park	6:30 pm
19	Nutter Fort and Clarksburg – Norwood Park	3:00 pm
20	Short Gap	
21	Shepherdstown Centennial	
22	Wardensville – Capon Springs Land Farms	6:00 pm
25	Lumberport – Brickside Grill	11:00 am
28	Berkeley Springs, Charlottes Cafe	

October:

6	Fort Ashby – Brookdale Farms	6:00 pm
7	Mountain	
12	Junior	
13	Kingwood	
14	HOPE Club	
18	Tunnelton Valley District	
23	Durbin Lions Club (29C) 75 th Anniversary Celebration, Greenbank Elementary	5:00 pm
25	West Milford 75 th Anniversary Celebration	
29 -30	District 29I Conference- Canaan Resort	
31	Second COG Meeting-Canaan Resort	

November:

4 Tygart Valley
8 Elkins, Parsons, Roaring Creek
18 Bridgeport

December:

2 Romney - Main Street Grill

January:

28-29 WVLLR Flatwoods
30 COG meeting Flatwoods

February:

26 Cabinet Meeting – Virtual

March:

18-19 District L Conference – Oglebay Park

April:

7 Hedgesville/Pikeside
22, 23, 24 MD 29 Convention Canaan Resort



Lion Gray Jones
First Vice District Governor



*Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.*” _ John Wesley

A Lion friend of mine suggested that I use that quote since it “fits what Lions are about.” He’s absolutely correct. Few of us can meet that lofty goal. We prioritize our “means” so that our families come first and we retain our standard of living. By the choices we make, we limit our exposure to those places and people who might need help.

As we expand our view, the needs become overwhelming. There is so much hunger and strife in the world. There is so much devastation from hurricanes and earthquakes and fires. There are so many people suffering and dying from disease. The earth is being ravaged by man. We have a strong temptation to pull in and focus only on the realities of those near to us. Few of us are willing to impoverish ourselves in a vain attempt to help those numerous others who are less fortunate. The needs are so huge compared to the little we have to contribute.

As a Christian, the Bible is my guidebook and Jesus is the example to follow. By talent, education, and my working life, I’m mostly an engineer and partly a scientist; thus, I analyze and parse. As I reflect on Wesley’s quote, the Bible, and the life of Jesus, it occurs to me that focusing on the nouns is missing the point. Rather than emphasizing our shortcomings as compared to some unattainable level of perfect outcome, we would be better served by focusing on the phrase: “you can.” What, within the bounds of our own priorities, “can” we do?

Archaeology and history both tell us that the Bible only talks of the Middle East. Jesus only lived in the vicinity of where Israel is today. The Bible doesn’t describe a perfect world and Jesus didn’t solve all of the world’s problems!

The lesson to me is that I should live my life, in my own place, in my own time, and try to follow the example of Jesus and the Golden Rule. While we live, there will never be peace on earth. There will never be a lack of poverty. There will never be an end of earthly disasters. We will never be free of diseases. We will never have only men and women of good will on earth.

We should live our lives following Wesley’s recommendation, and with our Lions motto in our hearts. Certainly, through LCI and other charities we can help the wider world. Through our own Lions clubs we can help our communities. And through our own efforts we can help other people. While we are unable to perfect the world, like Jesus, we can make service ripples that spread through time and space to help others in ways we can’t conceive.

Continue to try improving your service to others and be kind to yourself. Do what you can



DISTRICT 29 I CONFERENCE
START OF MULTIPLE DISTRICT 29 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY
OCTOBER 29-30, 2021
CANAAN VALLEY RESORT

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Club _____ District _____

Cost: \$55 Friday evening, Saturday all day-includes: dinner Friday, lunch and dinner Saturday
\$40 - Saturday all day includes: lunch and dinner.

Events: Friday evening - Halloween costume party with music, prizes, and refreshments.
Saturday - Silent auction, lunch entertainment, seminars, service projects, Special
Recognitions, parade of checks

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

Is this your first conference? ____yes ____no. How many years have you been a Lion? _____

Rooms: \$99 a night. Call for reservations. Make reservations by October 15th.

304-866-4121 and dial 0 for reservations. Just mention the October Lions Club Group to receive the discount.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: THE LIONS DISTRICT 29I CONFERENCE

I need to receive the registration by October 15th. Send registrations to:

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

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE DISTRICT 29I CONFERENCE

FIRDAY EVENING:

1. REGISTRATION STARTS AT 3:00
2. AUCTION DROPOFF
3. COLLECTION PARADE OF CHECKS
4. DINNER AT 6 – 7:30
5. HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY 8-10
 - A. HOSPITALITY
 - B. MUSIC
 - C. FOOD AND DRINKS
 - D. FUN AND GAMES

SATURDAY MORNING

1. BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN - Auction 8:00-4:00
2. 7:30 REGISTRATION
3. 9:00 - 11:00 DISTRICT CABINET MEETING
4. 11:30 - 1:00 LUNCH
5. 1:30 - 2:30 SEMINAR
6. 2:45 - 3:45 SEMINAR
7. 4:00 – STRIDES WALK
8. 4:30 – SERVICE PROJECTS – PURSES AND TOILETRIES
9. 6:00 - IPID STEVE THORNTON - RECEPTION
- 6:30 - 8:30 DINNER

Four service projects:

1. Bring used glasses
2. Gift cards for Pediatric Cancer families
3. Money for Strides walk
4. Purses and toiletries for stuffing and deliver to Women Shelters.

PARADE OF CHECKS
DISTRICT 29 I FALL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 29 - 30, 2021

Please complete this form and return it to the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer (at the address below) or via e-mail by Monday, October 25, 2021. **Individual checks should be made out to each program as listed.** Checks may be presented to the Cabinet Secretary at the registration desk on Friday evening or Saturday morning. Clubs not attending the conference should mail checks to the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Mary Jane Bright. Please email her the donation amounts at: (brights@atlanticbb.net) 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 AND SKI PROGRAM	\$_____
ROMNEY D&B STUDENT WORK PROGRAM	\$_____
LEADER DOGS	\$_____
PILOT DOGS	\$_____
DISASTER RELIEF	\$_____
QUEST	\$_____
OTHER	\$_____

Club Name _____

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

TOTAL DONATIONS \$_____

SILENT AUCTION AT FALL CONFERENCE

I have been asked to run the Silent Auction at the Fall Conference on October 29-30 at Canaan Valley Resort.



I will be asking clubs for donations of items to bid on.

If you have the talent to make something, or you have an item you no longer want that is new or gently used please let me know or just bring it to the conference.

Thank you for what you have donated in the past to make it a successful auction.
(The auction helps defray the costs of conference.)

Looking forward to seeing everyone there! Lion Janice Nicholson, West Milford Lions Club

Service Opportunities at the 29I Conference

District Governor Sue Long has planned to have four service projects at the Fall Conference at Canaan Resort, to take place October 29-30. Please discuss these with your club and plan to participate in all of them if possible.

- Eyeglass collection – please bring used eyeglasses you have been collecting. We hope you will count them for your club's reporting.
- Strides Walk for Diabetes – bring your walking shoes – details on time etc. will be announced.
- Collection of \$25 Visa gift cards to be donated to families who have children undergoing cancer treatment at WVU Children's Hospital. Please have the cards activated wherever you purchase them. A box will be available for the collected cards and they will be taken to the hospital prior to the holiday season.
- Please bring gently used purses to stuff with small toiletry items for a women's shelter. Donations of toiletry items are needed too – for example items from a Dollar Store like toothpaste, toothbrushes, lip balm, lotions, bath products, shampoos etc.

Of course, we encourage you to report your club's participation in these service projects in MyLion. Thank you!



Lion Cindy Glass, DGST for 29I.



CLUBS CELEBRATING MILESTONES FROM

JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022

DISTRICT 29 - 100 YEARS

Bruceton Mills ~ 75 years

Elkins ~ 70 years

HOPE~ 5 years

Hedgesville ~ 65 years

Kesling Mills ~ 35 years

Nutter Fort ~ 10 years

Shinnston ~ 80 years

Shepherdstown Centennial ~ 5 years

Wardensville ~ 75 years

Bridgeport ~ 90 years

Harpers Ferry ~ 75 years

Grafton ~ 35 years

Ireland ~ 20 years

Martinsburg ~ 85 years

Philippi ~ 75 years

Short Gap ~ 55 years

Tennerton ~ 55 years

West Milford ~ 75 years



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE DISTRICT

WEST MILFORD LIONS CLUB



**The West Milford Lions Club will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary
on October 25, 2021 at the West Milford Community Center
on Laurel Park Road (formerly Highland Dam Road).**

The evening will begin with a reception at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Reservations will be required by October 15.

Letters will be going out to each club president and secretary the first of September.

Watch your email for more details.



Deceased Member

Bob Beyer
Dixon Law
Wayne McCauley
Donnie Ford
Martha Dean
Victoria Dee Martin
Jesse Gnegy
David Outman
John Alkire
Barb Miltenberger
Tom Reed
Carson Markley
Eugene King

Club

Bridgeport
Central Upshur
Flemington
Grafton
Jane Lew
Jane Lew
Mt. Storm
Paw Paw
Romney
Short Gap
Tennerton
Tygart Valley
Wilsonburg



BERKELEY SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

EYE GLASSES RECYCLE COLLECTION BOX

Thanks to Lions Lorraine & Leslie Canoles, owners of SKEETER'S AUTO BODY & TOWING of Berkeley Springs, our Lions Club now had the old eyeglasses recycle collection box refurbished and back in place at the Morgan County Recycle Center. Pictured are Lions Glenn Ryburn, Lorraine & Leslie Canoles getting the collection box in place and ready for use.

Why Get Involved in Eyeglass Recycling?

In just about any dresser drawer, one can find a pair of eyeglasses that are no longer being used. That same pair of eyeglasses can change another person's life. This is why we started the Lions Recycle for Sight program. District 29-I Lions collect used eyeglasses and deliver them to regional eyeglasses recycling in Northern Virginia where volunteers clean, sort by prescription strength and package the glasses. Most of the recycled glasses are distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest impact. However, Federal and WV state legal changes are currently underway to allow these recycled glasses to be distributed in WV, under the supervision of a certified eye care provider.

Participation in the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Program can raise your club's visibility and provide your fellow Lions and Leos with a team project that is both easy and rewarding. The donated eyeglasses collected by your club can help improve the quality of life for children and adults living in low and middle-income communities around the world. Many will experience corrected vision for the first time, enabling them to lead productive working lives, support their families, attend school and advance their education.



What is leadership and why is it so important?

By MD 29 GLT Chairperson Steve Glass

There are as many answers to this question as there are the number of Lions who may read this article. Everyone has an opinion about what makes a person a leader and whether it is important. I am going to suggest to you in a moment a couple of definitions that I hold to and several attributes of leaders, but to demonstrate to you the importance of leadership, I ask you the following questions:

1. Who inspires you to be involved in your club?
2. Who ensures that your club projects and fundraisers are successful?
3. Who do you know in your district or club that takes responsibility?
4. Who do you know that sets a good example for others?
5. Who do you know that has vision and sets a course to accomplish things?

How would anything get accomplished in your club or your district without someone who exhibits all of those behaviors that are enumerated above? In short, could anything get done without someone/ones taking the lead, organizing an event, taking action, and following through? **This is leadership!**

Throughout my years as a Lion, many definitions of leadership have been shared with me, and I have developed one of my own. First, from Simon Sinek:

Leadership is not about being in charge. Leadership is about taking care of those in your charge.

Now, my own:

Leadership is the ability to positively influence others toward the achievement of a common goal or mission through vision, action, character, and commitment.

Leadership is something that can be more easily observed than defined. Let's examine some qualities of highly-effective leaders:

- They have vision. (They begin each challenge with the end in mind.)
- They have integrity and they inspire trust.
- They are planners. (They put first things first.)
- They are keen listeners. (They seek first to understand.)
- They are life-long learners. (They constantly sharpen the saw.)
- They take action. (They are proactive, not reactive.)
- They build consensus. (They think win-win.)

Finally, I leave you with this thought: Who came first, Melvin Jones or Lions Clubs International?

We Are Lions

The Romney Lions Club one of the oldest service organizations (founded in 1930) recently held their annual picnic at Hampshire Park where they installed club officers for the coming year (first picture below) and inducted four new members: Wanda Rogers, Amy Delaplain, Christy Kauffman, and Margaret Carlin (second picture below). The newly elected District Governor Lion Sue Long was the featured guest and led in the ceremonies.

Lion President Donna See also was presented with the Leonard Jarrett Award for her leadership and contribution to Lionism locally (third picture below).

Romney Lions donate over \$2,000.00 annually to assist qualified recipients in obtaining eye exams and purchasing eyeglasses. They also collect over 400 pairs of used eyeglasses each year to be sent to the regional collection center to be distributed to the needy or to be recycled.

Other community projects include distribution of American flags to all Hampshire County first graders each year; assisting the WV State School for the Deaf and the Blind with a student work program; assist with a women's shelter, provide education and camps for children with diabetes; and many others.



LEONARD JARRETT RECIPIENTS



Michael Sholl receiving his Leonard Jarrett Award. Western Monongalia Lions Club.



Henry Krautwurst received a Leonard Jarrett Award. Wardensville Lions Club.

2021-2022 - Peace Poster Contest

We Are All Connected

While overcoming new challenges brought on by an unprecedented global pandemic, we're celebrating the things that keep us connected—to each other, to our communities, all together around the world. This year, we invite young people to envision, explore and visually express these connections.

Order a Peace Poster Contest Kit

To sponsor the Peace Poster Contest, Lions clubs can order a contest kit from January 15 to October 1. The kit is available in 12 of our official languages. A kit is needed for each contest sponsored.

Each kit contains:

- Official Club Contest Guide and Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant Flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15 are eligible to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest. Entries not meeting the following deadlines will be disqualified.

- **January 15:** Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **October 1:** Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
- **November 15:** Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a district governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Brand and Marketing Strategy Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Brand and Marketing Strategy Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Brand and Marketing Strategy Department at International Headquarters.
- **February 1:** International winners notified on or before this date.



Lion Kim Mason
Peace Poster Chairperson

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



Robert's Rules of Order: Protocol's Often Forgotten Son

By Steve Glass, MD 29 Protocol Chairperson

Generally, when we think of protocol in the Lions environment, we think in terms of who is supposed to sit at the head table, or in what order do we introduce guests, or what are we going to wear? There is an equally or perhaps even more important aspect of protocol that impacts our membership more dramatically; and that is how do we properly conduct our meetings, whether they be a banquet event or a regular club meeting. Having a basic understanding of how to effectively conduct a meeting is so very important to keeping our members interested and involved.

Past International Director Sunil Kumar R (2012-2014) in his book *Meeting Specialist* states in its Preface: "Meetings make organizations. When meetings are held in an orderly manner and offer opportunities to debate, there is tremendous learning for all. Meetings must encourage participation by members and help decision making. Members must take home the benefit from meetings." All too often in our clubs one of the top three reasons cited for members leaving is long, boring, and unproductive meetings.

What can we do as leaders to spruce up our meetings, enhance the learning experience, and empower our members? Here are some practical tips from Robert's Rules of Order, Revised:

1. Stick to the proposed agenda. Do not allow discussion on topics that are not on the approved agenda. Do not let any one member dominate the floor or the discussion.
2. The Chairperson or the presiding officer (usually the club president during a club meeting) calls the meeting to order promptly at the designated hour and recognizes those who wish to speak on a motion or matter before the group. It is solely within the presiding officer's power to recognize who speaks and in what order and to limit debate when it is too lengthy or not relevant.
3. The chairperson is also charged with preserving order during a meeting. This means that the chairperson can rule a member out of order if the member is unruly, disruptive, and clearly is dominating the discussion.
4. When the chairperson is satisfied that those adequate discussions have taken place on a motion, he/she can call for a vote. He/she is mandated to call for a vote when requested by a member for "call for previous question."
5. Any matter coming before the club for action can only be done through putting a motion before the group. i. e. "I move that we donate \$500.00 to LCIF." That motion then needs a second by another member, then discussion is permitted before voting.
6. Lastly, always remember that the actions and history of an organization can only be captured through the minutes of the organization. Minutes tell the world and posterity what actions the organization took and when they took the action. Therefore, members should insist on having accurate minutes of each meeting where motions were made and action taken.

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

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with a text copy to DG Sue @

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generate funds.



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