



# 291 PRIDE NEWS

Keeping District 291 Lions Clubs Informed  
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## BELIEVE

### ***Driving Conversations for a Successful Club***

As a scientist, I like to reduce things to common denominators. So, to understand Lions Clubs, I reduce club operations into four main topics. These are separated into 2 categories, which are: active categories; **Service**, which is our product and **Fundraising**, the processes used to fund our product. Along with silent categories; **Administration**, organizing the ability to conduct fundraising for providing service, and **Membership**, obtaining labor to do the same.

**Service** to the community is the primary product of Lions Clubs. The Lions Clubs were founded in 1917 by business owners to facilitate bonds within the community. Once established as the International Organization of Lions Clubs in 1920, focus was gained in 1925 when Helen Keller spoke at their international convention and asked them to become her “Knights of the Blind”. Throughout the passage of time, the motto of “**We Serve**” remained as each club sought and pursued wide varieties of services to resolve within their communities. Lions Clubs International pursues 8 cornerstones of service which are:

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|------------------|-----------------|
| Vision           | Hunger          |
| Diabetes         | Humanitarian    |
| Youth            | Environment     |
| Childhood Cancer | Disaster Relief |

Look to use these visions to expand services in your community.

**Fundraising** is successfully executed by understanding the community in which the Lions

Club serves. Fundraising becomes more palatable when the activity expresses the services the club provides. A potential customer to a sale or donor for a service provided, is far more likely to contribute and continue contributing when they see the services being rendered. In this way, fundraising is inextricably linked to service.

Ideas for fundraising can be found on the LCI website at [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org) or any simple internet search. A club should look to the skills of the club members that add support to fundraising efforts. Also, look to the community to assess what types of fundraisers are feasible to pursue. Lions need to be aware that as time passes fundraising activities can change and a club needs to always be prepared for the changes. A highly successful fundraiser may diminish as the community changes. Or, the ability for the club to remain effective with the fundraiser declines. It is incumbent upon the club members to continually assess fundraisers for their effectiveness and always be prepared for change.

**Administration** is the establishment of officerships and is an indication of the strength within the club. Fulfilling the battery of positions with each member occupying a position such that individuals do not “wear too many hats”, while also being active in that position is where the club takes root, grows and establishes the premise that “many hands make light work”.

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# 29I & MULTIPLE DISTRICT CALENDAR

The Complete 29I District Calendar for 2024 – 2025 is available on the website [29I LIONS](#)

Multiple District 29 Link = <https://wvlions.org/>

- **September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>** – 29I District Conference: See Registration Form Below
- **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Bridgeport: District Governor visit
- **October 9<sup>th</sup>** – Lost Creek and Johnstown: District Governor visit
- **October 15<sup>th</sup>** – Nutter Creek: District Governor visit
- **October 16<sup>th</sup>** – Fort Ashby: District Governor visit
- **October 17<sup>th</sup>** – Tygart Valley: District Governor visit
- **October 19<sup>th</sup>** – Mountain Lions Club 75th Birthday Celebration: District Governor visit
- **October 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup>** – District 29C Conference; Charleston, WV
- **October 21<sup>st</sup>** – Tunnelton: District Governor visit
- **October 25<sup>th</sup>** – Clarksburg: District Governor visit
- **October 28<sup>th</sup>** – Junior and Philippi: District Governor visit
- **November 4<sup>th</sup>** – Short Gap: District Governor visit
- **November 11<sup>th</sup>** – Elkins: District Governor visit
- **February 20<sup>th</sup>** - Pikeside: District Governor visit

## 29I CABINET ZOOM MEETINGS

Link: [ZOOM Link](#) (click here or right click to copy the hyperlink and paste into your browser to schedule the meetings into your calendar)

To Join a Zoom Meeting; [Meeting Link](#) (click here or right click to copy the hyperlink)

Meeting ID: **865 8740 0850**      Passcode: **058071**

To dial in on your phone use One tap mobile

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+13052241968,,86587400850#,,,,\*058071# US

**Meeting Start Time is 7:00 p.m. and the dates are (Sundays): 20OCT; 17NOV**

**ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED**

## CABINET OFFICERS, ZONE AND PROGRAM CHAIRS

Please submit information regarding your activities as we continue to build a robust District Activities Section. This includes any services, fundraisers or even outlines of duties to relate to club members. Submit to:

[LIONS29newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:LIONS29newsletter@yahoo.com)

*Yours In Service, Lion Jim Mullen*



## District Governor's Message

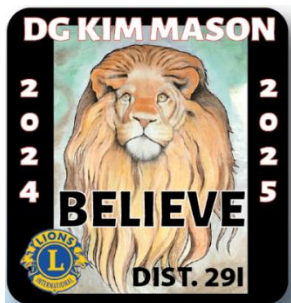
By DG Lion Kim Mason

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor's Message

By 1<sup>st</sup> DG Lion Greg Greenwalt

Greetings Fellow Lions,

John and I got to attend the US/Canada Leadership forum in Louisville, Kentucky this past weekend. It was a great time. If you ever have a chance to go to the USA/Canada Leadership forum. I highly recommend it. The



Forum will be in Atlantic City, New Jersey next year. So It will be close. Just a little hint.

At the forum I got to listen to Past International President Brian Sheehan. If you have a chance to see him talk, either in person or watch him on YouTube. Please do. He is a very dynamic speaker. He really gets you psyched to be a lion!!

John and I also got the privilege of meeting a gentleman who has been a lion for over 74 years. His name is Lacy Presnell Junior and he was an International Director in 1974. He has traveled to 5 different continents with the Lions Clubs. He actually worked with Melvin Jones!

When you attend the Forum, everyone gets different color lanyards. Whatever color your lanyard is, that is the section you sit in for lunch and dinner. Saturday night they have International Director's host a table. This is how we met Lacy and got to listen to all his very interesting stories. He gave us pamphlet about his Lion memories. It's called A Few Memories From 70 Years of Fun, Frivolity and Lions Service. I have met many wonderful lions in my visits and travels so far. I can't wait to meet even more as I get around to more clubs. If there is anything you or your club needs, please get in touch with me.

It is not too late to attend the 29I conference on September 27 and 28th. Friday night dinner at the castle is no longer available but we will accept Saturday registration until Friday, September 20th. If you are coming to the conference, please bring your club banner and if you would like to donate to the silent auction, we will really appreciate it.

Yours in Lionism, DG Kim

Good Day All !!!

Being a Lion volunteer brings happiness to us and to the many we are able to help in our lives, and it's contagious. The gratefulness we see in the faces of those we are able to give a little assistance gives us feeling's of happiness that fuels our lives and gives us the energy, optimism and enthusiasm to change our world even in small ways. It's sometimes the little things we do that can make a huge difference in someone's life.

As I write this, many of us just returned from the USA/Canadian Lions Leadership Forum held in Louisville, Kentucky. It was well attended by Lions members from all over the world. I met Lion's from many different counties as well as from all over the USA and Canada. Lots of interesting conversations and common issues affecting all of us. The Forum had over 80 seminars with a focus on building skills to make our clubs stronger. I was able to enjoy a luncheon with our International President Fabricio Oliveira who shared his vision as the leader of the greatest service organization in the world. The FVDG/DG's were able to meet with the First Vice President AP Singh to hear his plans or this year and for the 2025 International Convention. One of the most interesting forums I attended was about artificial intelligence (AI) and how it can and will change Lions and all of us. If you have a chance to attend a USA/Canada Leadership Forum, I would encourage you to do so.

I again wish to thank you for your time and efforts in making our communities and world a better place. As Lions we serve, and we do make a difference.

Just a reminder that the Lions WV Leadership Retreat will be held in January 2025. I was able to attend last year, it was a great experience.

Have a great fall and remember, **TOGETHER WE SERVE**

Lion Greg Greenwalt

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# 29I & MULTIPLE DISTRICT

“WE SERVE”

Multiple District 29 Link = <https://wvliions.org/>

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Training available for all Lions through  
**USA-Canada Leadership  
Forum at  
Lions University**

<https://www.lionsuniversity.org/>

## ATTENTION LIONS

The NEW LIONS PORTAL has launched. District 29I has recorded the portal training and a link provided on the 29I Website. The portal is a nice archive of information containing a member's history. Navigate your web browser to LCI ([Click here](#)) and get started.

## NEW MEMBERS

*By DG Lion Kim Mason*

James Skidmore – Philippi Lions Club June  
Denise Munson – Shinnston Lions Club July  
Bryan Smith – Grafton Lions Club July  
Andy Fitzgibbon – Tygart Valley Lions Club; July  
Ronald VanPelt – Tygart Valley Lions Club; July  
George Leonard – Harrison County Hope  
Centennial Lions Club; July  
Michelle Leonard Leonard – Harrison County Hope  
Centennial Lions Club; July  
Susan McMichael – Clarksburg Lions Club; August



## Leader Dog

*By Lion Robin Faris, Chairperson*

### In Every Leader Dog Lies the Heart of a Lion

LCIF and Leader Dogs for the Blind go as far back as 1939. Since then, the Lions have been ambassadors and loyal supporters of the mission to help the visually impaired find their independence and freedom while living in a sightless world. It all started on a small farm in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Fifty dollars a month rented a farmhouse for the clients and staff, a barn for the dogs, and a garage. On October 8, 1939, the first class of the official Lions Leader Dog Foundation graduated. The cost to graduate a client/dog team was \$600. Today, that price has skyrocketed to a whopping \$45,744/ team. The training is still in Rochester Hills Michigan.

Today, the Lions Club supports guide dog programs through fundraising, volunteer efforts, and advocacy. Many local Lions Clubs sponsor individual guide dogs, covering the substantial costs of breeding, training, and lifelong care. The club also supports research into new training techniques, such as harnesses that improve communication between dogs and their handlers. In addition to guide dog programs, the Lions Club has also embraced the use of service dogs for other disabilities, expanding their mission to assist more people in need. Lions have stepped forward to support the people WE SERVE as puppy raisers and hosts for our breeding stock dogs.

The Lions club has played a crucial role in creating a world where visually impaired individuals can lead fulfilling lives. As we look to the future, we must remain dedicated to this cause, continuing to innovate and support the guide dog movement globally.

## Peace Poster Contest

By DG Lion Kim Mason

### THE 2024-2025 CONTEST Peace Without Limits

For peace to be anything more than a possibility, we need to make it a priority. This year, we're asking our young students to create a poster that speaks to our world's infinite potential for kindness once we commit to pursuing the idea of peace without limits.

#### Peace Poster Contest Deadlines

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15<sup>th</sup> 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 & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 1:** Postmark deadline for a club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **December 15:** Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Brand & Creative Department at International Headquarters.
- **February 1:** International winners notified on or before this date.

## Youth Camps & Exchange

By Lion Henry Krautwurst, Chairman

This is why I think I have the BEST job in all of WV Lions (Being Chair of the LIONS Youth Exchange). Our lions have not only made this opportunity available to her but to so many students over the years. I am so proud and grateful to be able to be involved with our Youth Camps & Exchange program. These students have had an experience they will never forget and have made friends from around the world that will last them a lifetime. Thank you Lions of WV for making all of this possible.

In her presentations, Madelyn speaks of her host family. Without host families this program could not exist. Being a host family has been one of the greatest experiences of our time as Lions. My wife, Lorrie, and I have hosted nine students coming from Peru, Germany, Japan and Finland and we are still in touch with them; some as long as 11 years ago. Don't be afraid to encounter an experience that will forever enrich you.

I want people to know how grateful I am that our Lions provide this opportunity.

Thanks!

## Youth Exchange Reflections

By Madelyn Brown (Beckley, WV)



I understand different ways of life, but the majority of the places I have been to are fairly similar to West Virginia, or are just similar culture from being in the United States. Before my exchange, I had only been outside of the US once when I went to Mexico with my family. I feel that I didn't get the actual authentic experience for Mexico because my family stayed at a resort and we weren't sightseeing. I did enjoy that trip but that experience was something I could have had in the US. My experience in Italy was

completely different. My exchange in Italy fully immersed me in the culture and history of the area. I was able to see so many iconic cities, landmarks, and buildings that I didn't believe I would ever get to see, especially all in one trip. This exchange was truly an amazing opportunity and I am so grateful that I was given the opportunity to attend it.

Besides all of the different iconic cities and landmarks I went to (which I talk about in greater detail in my slideshow presentation) my trip was full of learning about a culture I knew very little of. I speak barely any Italian, and my knowledge of the history was mostly contained to knowing about the Roman Empire. I did some research before attending of course, but I only scratched the surface of what I would learn during my trip.

Both of my host parents (Franco Gruden and Monica Zuccheli) were very knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the history of their city, Padua. I knew very little of the Venetian Republic and then I found myself seeing landmarks while learning about their history. I plan to potentially become a history teacher that specializes in European History, so it's safe to say I was in my element.

Besides seeing the sights, learning about the culture was a wonderful experience. There are quite a few differences from our culture, most noticeably with food. Food is more of an art form, it's a craft. Which, yes many do consider that here but it's not a blatant cultural thing in the US. The food is sourced in much healthier ways than in the US. The food was amazing, the only thing I didn't like is that the portions were fairly small, which is something I didn't think I would ever say because I have a smaller appetite when eating at home. While there are differences, I think what I noticed more is how many things were similar over there. People enjoy sitting and watching TV with their families, they like dancing to music, they love making connections. It sounds a little bit stupid to say this because it seems self-explanatory. You don't necessarily need to go to Italy to see that people are people everywhere, but I feel like we get so caught up in the stereotypes, assumptions, and differences, that we "other" different cultures because we don't understand their way of life. What this trip has taught me is that despite the cultural and historical differences between my life and people from other countries, at the end of the day we are all striving to find happiness and fulfillment in our lives. To

reference what I said earlier, that seems self-explanatory, but you don't really feel it until you immerse yourself in other cultures, at least that was my experience. Below is a link to my YouTube video presentation:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1KDMEEwTFE>

## Driving Conversations for a Successful Club

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Legacy members should look to fulfill Administration until new members decide for themselves where they would want to put their administrative efforts. As club Administration is the foundation for Service, Fundraising and Membership, it may be that the distribution of tasks among officers is the most important topic a club considers while meeting.

**Membership**, is the cornerstone of the club and conversations about obtaining labor for the club should always be undertaken, observed and shared with like-minded members of the community. Lions are often passionate about their service and should welcome conversations with individuals in the community that generates interest and invite them to join a meeting to see if they would wish to participate. Prepare an "elevator talk" of about 30 seconds that focusing on a single service (or maybe 2), then a mention of regular meetings can start a conversation. When asked to do small request, mention that it was performed by a Lion. Occasionally, this will open an opportunity for the "elevator talk". Being attentive to membership grows the club through service and fundraising while requiring more administration to balance the efforts.

*Yours in Service – Lion Jim Mullen*

## 29I Global Leadership Team

*By PID Lion Steve Glass*

### The Role of the MD Global Leadership Team Coordinator

*What's it all about? What's his role?  
What are his plans?*

When you carefully review the duties of this position as articulated by Lions International (Rev.7/1/2023), you will find fifteen bulleted items under the section on Actions for Success. I personally find this language pretty daunting in its scope so I have decided to boil it all down for you into six main functions that I feel are important enough to focus on this year and that will ensure a positive net membership growth for our multiple district, which will allow us to meet the goal of Mission 1.5 and allow us to Make Your Mark!

Those functions are as follows:

**Training** (who? when? and at what level? - From club officers through to current district governors

**Communication** (what and with whom/) – Most importantly, with club leaders, zone chairpersons, and newer Lions. It goes without saying that district leadership and Global Action Team members must be in the information loop.

**Reporting** (what and to whom?) - Learning opportunities, what's in the Lions Learning Center, and reporting successes in Learn

**Identifying** (Who) – Lions with leadership potential who demonstrate an aptitude and desire for leadership positions

**Promoting** (What?) – leadership opportunities, training events, online learning tools, and LI sponsored seminars and institutes.

**Maintaining** (what and where) – calendar of events. leadership development tools and resources, and informational articles of interest and use for Lions at all levels, which will be maintained on our multiple district and district web sites.

I wanted to use this first article to introduce myself as your multiple district global leadership team coordinator, give you some idea of my expectations of the role, share my goals for the year with you and invite your input.

I have three simple goals for this year: 2024-2025:

1. Improve communication across Multiple District 29 among all stakeholders at all levels regarding the challenges that we have in leadership development.
2. Enhance the promotion of leadership development training events, both for in-person

and facilitator led events, that would enhance West Virginia Lions leadership skills and provide them encouragement.

3. Increase the number of Lions within the multiple district who are willing to take on higher leadership roles as part of a sound succession plan for each district.

Over the next five months I will offer an article on each of the following five critical areas of membership function:

Membership Recruitment      Orientation

Membership Retention      Extension

Leadership Development

I'll leave you this month with one of my favorite quotes for Stephen F. Covey on his definition of leadership: "*Leadership is communicating to people their worth and potential so clearly that they come to see it in themselves.*" This must be our ultimate mission as district and multiple district leaders!

## District 29I Conference

*By Lion Jim Mullen*

The District 29I Conference will be held September 27 – 28 at The Country Inn located in Berkeley Springs, WV. Information on registering and making hotel reservations is located on the registration form in this newsletter. To begin, Friday Evening – Dinner at the Castle, tours and a 50/50 drawing are scheduled to occur. Lions are requested to wear casual attire. On Saturday the District 29I Cabinet will be held. There will be Seminars, Silent Auction Service Projects a Strides Walk with sandwich in between.

Dinner will be graced by International Director Joanne Ogden delivering the Key Note Address. There will be special recognitions for service and the parade of checks. Lions are requested to wear semiformal attire.

Look over the registration form for more information. Send it in and represent your club at the conference.

## District 29I Conference Key Note Speaker

### Biography of ID Lion Joanne Ogden

#### JOANNE OGDEN INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

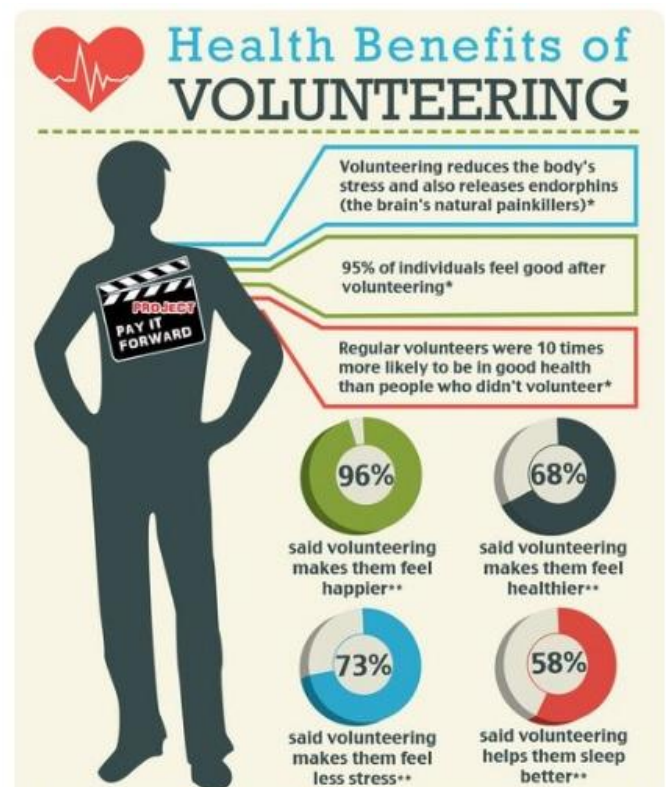
Joanne Ogden from Emo, Ontario, Canada, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th international convention in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, July 7 through July 11, 2023. Director Ogden has more than 40 years of experience as a registered nurse. She currently works as part of the Senior Management Team for Riverside Healthcare Facilities. Her role there is that of quality assurance auditor and Ontario Health Team executive lead. Previously, she was the health program supervisor for the Naicatchewenin First Nation, responsible for community health and home care nursing. Prior to that, she worked in intensive care for 18 years.

From a young age, she was taught the importance of doing her best for her family, neighbors and community. Although she did not originally intend to become a Lion, she chose to join the Emo and District Lions Club in 2010 to assist her community in chartering a new club. Since then, she has made an even bigger difference in the lives of her neighbors and community. In 2020, she transferred to the Northwestern Ontario Cyber Lions Club where she continues to serve to this day.

She has held a number of offices within the association including Guiding Lion and multiple district GMT coordinator. She has served as multiple district 5M's director for KidSight as well as the Lions Foundation of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. Additionally, she was a district strategy planner for the NAMI pilot. In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards including an International President's Award and an International President's Leadership Award. She has been honored as a recipient of the Stu Peever Award as well as the 5M10 Kindness Matters Award. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lion activities, Director Ogden is active in several professional and community organizations including her past service as a board member and chairperson for Riverside Health Care. Her dedication to improving the health and wellness of the indigenous peoples of Canada has been recognized and honored with the Award of Excellence in Nursing. Director Ogden and her husband, Kent, who is also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have been married since 1985. Their two daughters, Chelsey and Riley, are also Lions. They have two grandchildren named Lauren and Cassidy and Cassidy plans to join her family as a Lion on her birthday following high school graduation.

In her spare time, Director Ogden raises Arabian horses, golfs and fishes with her husband, or relaxes with her four miniature dachshunds. During the winter, her family enjoys staying with a Cuban family in Cayo Santa Maria. This year, Director Ogden will be traveling with PDG Angela Sharbot, who is a member of the Atikokan Lions Club, chairperson of Lions Foundation Dog Guides and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.





## DISTRICT CONTESTS

**Membership:** For every new member a club brings in, the club will be placed into a raffle to win \$250 to be used towards new membership projects. The club can use the money anyway they see fit. There will be 2 contests:

- From July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>
- And from January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 20<sup>th</sup>

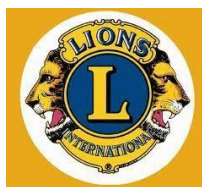
The Lions Club with the most new members will receive a surprise at the end of year

**Service:** For every service project a club reports they will be entered to win \$250 to put towards that clubs next service project. There will be 2 contests:

- From July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>
- And from January 1<sup>st</sup> to June 20<sup>th</sup>

The Lions Club with the most service projects will win a prize at the end of the year

### District 29-I Fall Conference “Parade of Checks”



The Parade of Checks is an important feature of our annual District Conference. This is an opportunity for clubs to make contributions to the following programs supported by Lions Clubs International and Lions throughout West Virginia. Please mail your club checks (**1 check per charity**) by **September 13, 2024** to the **Cabinet Treasurer:**

**Lion Lyn Goodwin, 177 Zenith Drive, Hedgesville, WV 25427**

<b>Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)</b>	\$ _____
<b>WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation (WVLSCF)</b>	\$ _____
<b>Diabetes Fund</b>	\$ _____
<b>Leader Dog</b>	\$ _____
<b>Pilot Dog</b>	\$ _____
<b>Romney Student Work Program</b>	\$ _____
<b>WV Blind &amp; Deaf Recreation Program</b>	\$ _____
<b>Youth Exchange</b>	\$ _____
<b>Quest</b>	\$ _____
 <b>CLUB</b> _____	 <b>TOTAL</b> \$ _____

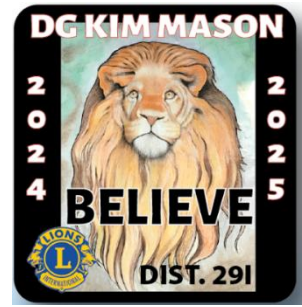
Each club will be recognized at the dinner and the amounts donated will be acknowledged.



# District 29I Conference

September 27-28, 2024

Country Inn  
110 S Washington St  
Berkeley Springs, WV



## REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Events:

Friday Evening – Dinner at the Castle, tours, 50/50, Lion Casual Attire

- Castle is not handicap accessible
- Due to limited occupancy the first 70 people to register will get

Saturday – District 29I Cabinet Meeting, Seminars, Lunch, Silent Auction, Service Projects, Strides Walk, Lion casual attire

Dinner with International Director Joanne Ogden, special recognitions, parade of checks, semiformal attire

Registration Fee (includes meals identified above);

before August 31<sup>st</sup>

Friday and Saturday \$ 120

Saturday Only \$ 75.00

After August 31<sup>st</sup>

Friday and Saturday \$ 130

Saturday Only \$ 85.00

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

Is this your first conference: Yes/ No      How many years have you been a Lion? \_\_\_\_\_

The West Inn is handicap accessible while the Historic Inn is not.

Make reservations at Country Inn, (304) 258-1200 and ask for reservations. Be sure to mention that you're with the September Lions Club group to receive the discounted prices.

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

Please, we need to receive your registrations by September 13<sup>th</sup>. Send registrations to:

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

# THE 29I DISTRICT CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (DRAFT)

## FRIDAY:

- 3:00 - 5:00 PM REGISTRATION
- 3:00 - 5:00 PM SILENT AUCTION DROP OFF
- 3:00 - 5:00 PM PARADE OF CHECKS COLLECTION
- 5:30 – 6:30 PM DINNER SHUTTLE from Country Inn
- 6:30PM DINNER AT

## SATURDAY:

- MORNING: BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN
- Country Inn 8am
  - Charlotte's Café 8am
  - Roy's Service Center 7am
- 8:00- 10:00 REGISTRATION
- 8:00AM – 4:00 PM SILENT AUCTION
- 9:00AM – 10:45 AM DISTRICT CABINET MEETING
- 11:00 – 11:25
- 11:30AM – 1:00 PM LUNCH
- 1:30PM – 2:30 PM SEMINAR I INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR
- 2:45PM – 3:45 PM SEMINAR II
- 4:00PM STRIDES WALK
- 4:30PM SERVICE PROJECT
- 6:00PM RECEPTION FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR
- 6:30PM – 8:30PM DINNER

**BRING BANNERS AND AUCTION ITEMS IF YOU WISH!!!!!!!!!!!!**



# Girl Shoebox Gift Suggestions

District 291 is supporting the SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE  
Consider donating \$30 for a Christmas box for girls or boys ages 5 -6 and make a check out to District 291.

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it **FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED**—praying for the child and adding a photo and personal note.

## A "WOW" ITEM

- Small backpack or purse
- Doll
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Jewelry making or hobby kit
- Large toy



## PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, sharpener, and erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag



## CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Costume jewelry
- Hair accessories
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



## GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Binoculars and compass
- Musical instruments
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Jump rope
- Stickers
- Games



## TOYS

- Small ball
- Building blocks or LEGO® sets
- Slinky® or yo-yo
- Plastic animals
- Magnets
- Finger puppets
- Interactive toys
- Other small toys and figures



## DO NOT INCLUDE

- Food, candy, or gum
- Toothpaste
- Used or damaged items
- Scary or war-related items
- Wearable traditional camouflage
- Seeds or organic matter
- Liquids
- Medication
- Money
- Breakable items
- Matches, fire starters, or aerosols
- Knives, saws, or razor blades

## Wondering if an item will fit in an Operation Christmas Child preprinted shoebox?

Cardboard dimensions: 12 x 7 x 4.38 inches  
Plastic dimensions: 13 x 7.5 x 4.7 inches

For more shoebox packing suggestions, the latest resources, and Follow Your Box labels, visit [samaritanspurserg.org/occ](http://samaritanspurserg.org/occ)



# Boy Shoebox Gift Suggestions

District 291 is supporting the SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE  
Consider donating \$30 for a Christmas box for girls or boys ages 5 -6 and make a check out to District 291.

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it **FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED**—praying for the child and adding a photo and personal note.

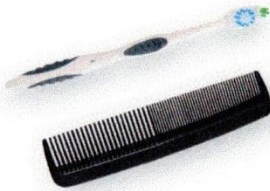
## A "WOW" ITEM

- Small backpack
- Soccer ball and pump
- Stuffed animal
- Hobby kit
- Large toy truck or car
- Other large toy



## PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrush
- Washcloth
- Comb and brush
- Nail clipper and file
- Water bottle
- Flashlight



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils, sharpener, and erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag



## CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



## GAMES & ACTIVITIES

- Puzzles
- Coloring books or pads
- Dry watercolor set
- Binoculars and compass
- Musical instruments
- Chalkboard and chalk
- Jump rope
- Stickers
- Games



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## In Memorium to Our Cherished LIONS

*A Compilation From 29I Clubs*

William Bane	Keyser	April
Donald Henderson	Tennerton	April
Max Elza	Tygart Valley	May
Gary Schoonover	Tygart Valley	May
Bill Smithson	Martinsburg	May

## A Moment of Thought for our LIONS

*A Compilation From 29I Clubs*

Past District 29I Governor Emeritus, Ruth Straley has been hospitalized with a knee replacement and contracted COVID in the hospital extending her stay indefinitely. Cards would be greatly appreciated. Ruth is a member of the Jane Lew Lions Club. Please send cards to P.O. Box 604, Jane Lew, WV 26378

## WHY AM I A LION?

*Testimonials Compiled From 29I Club Members*

### CLUB MEMBERS

Got a story about how/why you became a LION? All 29I members are welcome to share their story. Submit to: [LIONS29Inewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:LIONS29Inewsletter@yahoo.com)

*Yours in Service, Lion Jim Mullen*

### Lion Michael Funkhouser, Wardensville

I am a legacy lion. My father became a member of the Wardensville Lions club when I was around three years old. When I was in high school, our class raised money for our senior trip by serving Lions Club meals, and I helped my father with service projects, including hiding Easter eggs. When I graduated College and came back to Wardensville to work as a teacher. It was only natural that I would be sponsored by him as a member of our club. While I do not have the gift of service that he had, I have always taken very seriously the legacy of the gift of service. Always and forever proud to be a lion.

## RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

*A Compilation From 29I Clubs*

### CLUB OFFICERS

Please submit material for the club sections of most recent community service and your upcoming fundraisers. Submit pictures, flyers or text. Submit to: [LIONS29Inewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:LIONS29Inewsletter@yahoo.com)

Submit items as Word Documents, pictures as JPG or PNG formats. (PDF is difficult to adjust and does not import into the newsletter) Caption pictures with descriptions and Lions pictured.

*Yours in Service, Lion Jim Mullen*

**Jane Lew Lions Club Donate to Elementary School Teachers** – This is a significant step in promoting educational skills as each child will have



a particular book selected for their own level of interest and learning. The Jane Lew Lions Club members are proud leaders in supporting education in our town. Students are a great investment. This donation provides every first grader with a new book every

month throughout the school year.

*Submitted by Lion Linda Aman*

**Jane Lew Lions Club Picnic and Governors Night** - which was held on Tuesday September 10 at Watters Smith State Park. This wonderful



portrait of club members was taken by Lion Bill White with his drone. Being young at heart, Bill says it allows me to get a wider shot from a better angle and the camera is 4K.

*Submitted by Lion Bill White*

**Jane Lew Lions Club Awards Scholarship –**

Meet one of the Jane Lew Lions Club 2024 \$1000 Scholarship Recipients, Channing Carson (middle) with her Mother Rebecca (left) and Club President, Linda Aman while attending the Jane Lew Lions Club Annual Picnic. Channing shared her studies and career path achievements with the club. She will graduate with honors in January 2025 and already has a job placement in Lewis County. Brayden Lipps was our other scholarship recipient but had a conflict with work schedule and could not attend. Brayden will be a guest at a future meeting. The Lions Club Congratulates Channing on her academic achievements and wishes her much luck in her future employment.



*Submitted by Lion Linda Aman*

**Johnstown Lions Club Celebrates 70th Fall Festival –**

This well attended event celebrated with food, music, a bounce house and rock climbing wall, vendors and a huge car show; showcases the services of the Johnstown Lions Club.



*Submitted by Lion Beth White*

**Shepherdstown Centennial Lions Club Installs New Leadership –**

While celebrating community service, the Shepherdstown Centennial Lions Club installs their new officer at their annual picnic and meeting. A pot luck luncheon was held on June 30 wherein the following officers took their oath of office. Pictured left to right are Lions Cheryl Roberts, Effie Kallas, Erin Maloney, District Governor Kim Mason, Lions Mercedes Prohaska, Sandy Brown, and Tammy Clay.



*Submitted by Lion Effie Kallas*

**Philippi Lions Club Performs a Trifecta –**

The Philippi Lions have had several articles recently about Lions activities in our local newspaper, **The Barbour Democrat**. Pictured below is a donation to purchase basketballs for local youth at the newly developing Battlers Knob facilities. The club celebrated service to the community with a relaxing time showing a group photo of our club celebrating our annual family picnic. Our guests included one of the 2 recipients of our



college scholarships. We also invited members of the newly developed

Philippi Rotary Club to attend our club functions. In another service to our community, the club presented donation to the Philippi Public Library in support of youth programs. We are very fortunate to have a good working relationship with The

Barbour Democrat. It is a weekly publication and yet it routinely posts the activities of the Philippi and Junior Lions Clubs. Our past president Tina Mouser has regularly submitted and had published personal close-up stories about 8 Club members so far this year.

*Submitted by Lion Millard Minor*

**Johnstown Lions Club Celebrates 70th Fall Festival** – This well attended event celebrated with food, music, a bounce house and rock climbing wall, vendors and a huge car show; showcases the services of the Johnstown Lions Club.



*Submitted by Lion Beth White*

**Tennerton Lions Club Awards Members for Outstanding Service** –

Pictured from left to right District Governor 29I Lion Kim Mason, Tennerton Lions Club President Lion Nicholas Cutright (Leonard Jarrett Award), Lion Navonda Tenney (Lion of the Year), and Lion Bob Garrison (Melvin Jones Fellow). Congrats to all!!



*Submitted by Lion Dwayne Brown*

**Jane Lew Holds Tenth Annual Safety Fair:**



WBOY.COM  
Jane Lew Safety Fair connects community and authorities



*Submitted by Lion Linda Aman*

**East Lewis Lions Club Officer Induction** – DG Lion Kim Mason visited the East Lewis LC and



inducted the officers for the upcoming Lions Year.



**West Milford Lions Club Picnic** – DG Lion Kim Mason took a small break from her District Governor duties to celebrate Lionism with the West Milford Lions at their annual picnic.



**UPCOMING CLUB ACTIVITIES**  
*A Compilation From 29I Clubs*

**To have your event information & flyers placed in to the 29I Newsletter email them to [LIONS29Inewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:LIONS29Inewsletter@yahoo.com)**  
**Flyers and forms included in this Newsletter are also available on the 29I Website**

**Come out and hear us Roar!**  
Come out and enjoy food, fun and fellowship.  
**October 5, 2024**  
**From 11-3**  
**Newburg VFD**  
Sponsored by  
Tunnelton and Valley District Lions Clubs  
The money raised will go to community outreach focusing on vision.  
The menu will be a choice of Chili or Soup Beans with cornbread, drink and dessert.  
We will also have hotdogs and chips available.  
Donation at the door for meals.  
Silent auction items  
And several large ticket items.  
Drawing for items starts at **2:30**.  
Free vision screening

We Serve



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Martinsburg Lions Club  
West Milford Lions Club

Send information to:  
[LIONS29Inewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:LIONS29Inewsletter@yahoo.com)  
*Yours In Service Lion Jim Mullen*

**Martinsburg Lions Club** – The Martinsburg Lions Club is selling Terri Lynn products through October 20<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for community service projects. In particular, we provide eye exams and glasses for those in our community who cannot afford them. You can help too by purchasing these delicious nuts, snacks, and chocolates. You can pick you items and order online by going to [martinsburg-lions.terriynn](http://martinsburg-lions.terriynn.com). The items will be shipped directly to your door. Orders over \$30 get free shipping!!! Proceeds will benefit the Martinsburg Lions Club. Questions; Contact Lion Jim Mullen at (410)271-8184 or [residententity905@dabblenabble.com](mailto:residententity905@dabblenabble.com).  
*Submitted by Lion Jim Mullen*

**NUTTER FORT LIONS CLUB**




**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2024**  
**11:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Nutter Fort Elementary School**  
**Dine In or Take Out**

**Adults \$12 | Child 5 - 11 \$6 | Under 5 Free**  
 Tickets available at the door

*Spaghetti, Meatballs, Italian Bread,  
 Salad, Drink & Dessert*

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

*Submitted by Lion Paula Shahan*

**Nutter Fort Lions Club** – Joins the Town of Nutter Fort Fall Festival on October 26<sup>th</sup>. They will be hosting a booth selling brooms and food (The menu is in the works)

*Submitted by Lion Paula Shahan*

**Nutter Fort Lions Club** – will assist the Nutter Fort Fire Dept on November 9<sup>th</sup> with their Ultimate Give-a-Away. The club will be serving food and selling 50-50 tickets. For their service, Club proceeds result from the 50-50 drawing.

*Submitted by Lion Paula Shahan*

**A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.**

Hey 29I Clubs!!! Gotta Facebook Page? Let's add YOUR link HERE.

LIONS International President Facebook Page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/LionsPresident/>

**Jane Lew Lions Club** Check it out here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/janelewlions>

**Martinsburg Lions Club** Check it out here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/people/Martinsburg-Lions-Club/100090828093349/>

**Tennerton Lions Club** Check it out here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/tennertonlc/>

See what we're up to!

*Here's yer sign . . .*



## Club Request for District Governor Kim's Visit

Club name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and location of meeting place: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dates in order of preference: 1st \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_

Time Lions meeting begins \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. or p.m. (Circle one)

When does social time begin if you have one? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you have a meal? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are there other clubs involved? Yes/No If yes, who \_\_\_\_\_

Lion requesting the visit \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like the governor to? \_\_\_\_\_

DG Dress: Formal \_\_\_\_\_ Casual \_\_\_\_\_

Install officers? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Suit

Install new members? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Present special awards? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a microphone system? YES NO

Do you need a projector/computer?? YES NO

**Please mail request form or email information to me ASAP. Thank you.**

**Lion Kim Mason**

**District Governor 29I**

**318 Fairview Dr**

**Berkeley Springs, WV 25411**

**Phone: (c) (304) 839-2527**

**EMAIL: [mskimamason@gmail.com](mailto:mskimamason@gmail.com)**

*I will confirm the date after it is scheduled on my calendar -  
Thank you.*