



February 2020

UNLIMITED HORIZONS

District Governor Ruth Straley



If you are reading this, please be sure that your fellow club members are given the chance to read this as well. I send the newsletter to every club president and secretary with email. Either of those Lions or someone they designate should be distributing the newsletter to everyone in the club. This distribution should be by email to all those with email addresses or a method developed by each club to get the newsletter to those without email. I challenge every club president and secretary to take very seriously the responsibility of getting information to all Lions.

We live in a world of information automation. Lions Clubs International is an international organization that cannot function with paper and pen so MyLCI was developed to manage membership. Instead of making separate club rosters as I have seen in some clubs I ask you to use MyLCI to keep membership information current and provide club rosters. I remind the club secretaries that at least two times a year you are to distribute club rosters to all members and ask them to update any incorrect information. Soon the LION magazine will be sent in email only. Here in West Virginia The Lion announcing the state convention and any bylaw changes will come in email. Next year the MD29 directories will not be printed – available only on the website. I strongly encourage those without email to identify a family member's or friend's email address and ask them to print your information.

MEMBERSHIP. Congratulations go to Tygart Valley, Bruceton Mills, Franklin, Grafton, Nutter Fort, Petersburg, Romney and Rowlesburg for a total of 11 new members in December. However, we lost **42** members in the same month. Overall for the first six months of the year we added 58 members but dropped 111 members meaning the district had a loss of 53 members. My goal for the year is for each club to be at an overall +1. So, I need your help now. We all know you will probably lose members due to death, moving, or retention, so begin today to create a plan for February through June to increase your membership. Come up with creative ideas. Is there a college in your town? Ask a co-worker, fellow parent, church member or whoever you encounter that you think would make a good Lion to join your club. Plan a service activity and invite anyone interested to join you. Have a membership social. Write about your club's need of new members on social media. Use your imagination and experience to be actively recruiting. In the meantime, work on retaining your current members. We lost 111 members in 6 months with only a small percentage due to death. Let's all work to keep our clubs and make them vibrant and known in the community as **WE SERVE.**

SERVICE ACTIVITIES. There has been a lot of talk about MyLion and the reporting of service activities. It was a new system and when first deployed had many problems. Today it is functioning properly and Lions International depends on its information in obtaining grants from groups like the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. I sent out several emails asking every club to identify activities and the zone chairpersons have been involved. FVDG John Mason is our district MyLion trainer who has been to several locations and done seminars at conventions and the Leadership Retreat. Yet we had only 10 out of 56 clubs that were current at the end of December and another 14 that had made reports sometime in 6 months. What can we do about this? Club Presidents: if your club secretary

is not a computer person, I strongly urge you to appoint a System Administrator or a Service Activities Coordinator that will do the computer input in MyLion. Each club should have a member responsible for identifying club service activities, devising a system with other officers to track the required documentation for MyLion. The appointment of this position should have been done as part of the PU-101. Today many secretaries are sharing their MyLion passwords with coordinators, so the club information is kept current. Please don't think if you ignore this it will go away. It won't. As time nears for club elections keep in mind the requirements for these key and essential positions.

I just attended the Leadership Retreat in Flatwoods. The seminars were led by senior Lions (most from other multiple districts). We had a lunch speaker who was outstanding in his message. He went from being a wealthy, well respected doctor to a drug addict and felon who lost everything. He spoke of his struggle to pull himself from the depths of despair to today when he serves as the director of the Clarksburg mission. He blamed no one but himself and painted a picture of addiction that touched you because most of us have someone in our families or inner circle who suffer from drug addiction. PCC Cindy Glass and her volunteer group put on a well-executed training event. We had a total of 31 first time attendees. Hopefully it benefitted all of them. It is traditionally held the last weekend in January.

We will soon be announcing a special recognition of Lions. We will be asking every club to identify its **Shining Stars**. I will have more specific information next month and we will devote April to celebrating these stars. This is just a teaser.

Our state convention is at the Charleston Marriott on May 8-9. This is the time the district elections are held. There will be a registration fee for the whole conference and one for Saturday only. Unlike last year you can be registered for Saturday only and be a voting delegate. More to follow.

My year as District Governor is flying by. I have so much I hope we can accomplish but not much time to do it. I have only 4 club visits yet to make. However, I plan to attend birthday celebrations and do visits with clubs I didn't get to know well or spend much time talking with his membership.

I hope you and your loved ones are well and safe in this winter month.

Ruth Straley

RUTH'S DISTRICT GOVERNOR SCHEDULE

February 2020

29 Cabinet Meeting 10:00 am – Casselman's, Grantsville, MD

March 2020

5 Adamston DG Visit 6:30 pm - Adamston Christ Church United Methodist
13-14 District L Conference Parkersburg Blennerhasset Hotel
14 Council of Governors 4:00 pm - Parkersburg Blennerhasset Hotel
19 90th Birthday Celebration 6:00 pm – Bridgeport Civic Center

April 2020

14 Wilsonburg DG Visit 6:00 pm – Parkette Restaurant
20 Moorefield/Petersburg DG Visit 6:00 pm - TBD

May 2020

8-9 MD 29 Conference Charleston Marriott
9 Council Meeting Charleston Marriott



Lion John Mason First Vice District Governor

Lion Kim and I had a great time at the Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat. There were plenty of classes for everyone. We met some new Lions and old great friends.

I am getting ready for my trip to St. Charles, IL in February for DG training. I am looking forward to meeting Lions from around the world.

If I can provide any assistance to your club, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at 304-820-7742 or email me at jlmason0531@gmail.com

Let's have fun being a Lion serving our communities.

FVDG John Mason



Susan P. Long
2nd Vice District Governor



Melvin's Group Fails to Notice the Changes

As time went on Melvin's group along with smaller groups continued their routine. They went to Station C, sniffed and scurried around looking and feasting on the cheese. However, they failed to notice a change was taking place. They assumed there would always be Cheese. They arrived one day and noticed there was no more cheese. They were very upset and started shouting "Who moved my Cheese?"

However, another smaller group who had been working with Melvin's group had noticed smaller changes every day but continued the routine with the main group. One small group, led by Leonard, arrived earlier that day and realized that major changes had taken place. When they arrived and noticed the cheese had been moved or disappeared, they were not surprised. So they put their running shoes on and they did not over-analyze. Instead, they knew what they had to do to find more cheese. Ask yourself these questions:

Why did the large group not notice changes taking place?

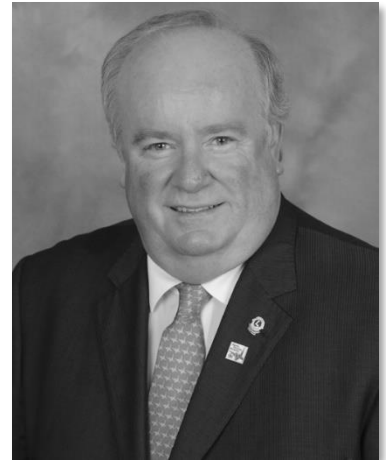
Why was Leonard's group not surprise with the change?

How do we adapt our Lion's club to change in today's world?

District 29-L Conference

The District Conference for District 29-L will be held March 14, 2020, at the Blennerhassett Hotel in Parkersburg. All Lions are invited to join us for this conference, which will utilize a new format. The Conference will be held on one day, with the principal address by our guest speaker during the luncheon. Many may be able to drive in on Saturday morning and be home that evening.

The speaker for the Conference will be Past International Director Roderick P. Wright from New Brunswick, Canada. Past Director Wright served our Association as International Director from 2015-2017.



PID Roderick P. Wright

Registration will open at 8:00 a.m., and coffee and pastries will be provided until time for the 9:00 cabinet meeting. After the cabinet meeting there will be seminars before the 12:30 luncheon. Our International guest will speak at the luncheon, awards will be presented, and the Parade of Checks held. One additional seminar will follow. At 3:00, there will be an ice cream break, with door prizes distributed, and the conference will adjourn.

The Multiple District Council will hold a meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. No Sunday meetings are scheduled, but a hospitality room will be open on Saturday evening for those who need or want to remain for the night.

Registration is only \$40 per person, and includes the coffee breaks, luncheon, and ice cream. Take this opportunity to see District 29-L at work, meet old and new friends, and learn about the service our Association is performing here and around the world. See the registration form included in this newsletter.

District 29-L Conference
March 14, 2020
Blennerhassett Hotel
320 Market Street, Parkersburg

Summary of Conference Schedule

Friday

Hospitality Room 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Saturday

Registration Opens, Coffee and pastries available	8:00 a.m.
Cabinet Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Coffee Break	10:30 a.m.
Seminars begin	10:45 a.m.
Luncheon	12:30 p.m.
Presentation by ID, Awards, Parade of Checks	
Seminar	2:15 p.m.
Ice Cream, Door Prizes	3:00 p.m.
MD29 Council of Governors Meeting	4:00 p.m.
Hospitality Room	8:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Room reservations: \$99.00 per night * Call (304) 422-3131

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Registration –\$40 per person

PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

Name: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Name: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

Email address: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Mail to: PID Larry Johnson, P. O. Box 795, Parkersburg, WV 26102 by March 2, 2020

Please note: Friday and Saturday dinners are not included in registration.

MESSAGE FROM MULTIPLE DISTRICT 29 LEO CHAIR: RAMONA SAGO



OUR FOUNDATION

Mission Statement

The USA/Canada Leos Leadership Foundation deepens participants' knowledge of the Leo program and promotes engagement between Leos through interactive workshops, social activities, service projects with the planning of an annual Leo Leadership Forum.

If you have any questions, please contact us at info@leosforum.org or 646-481-3238.

WELCOME
new members
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Mary Theresa Gain
Linda K. Blake
Justin Z. Collins
Guy T. Rini
Carolyn S. Morrison
Joseph H. Morrison
Robert L. Oakley

Bridgeport
Nutter Fort
Shepherdstown
Shepherdstown
Tennerton
Tennerton
Wardensville



Samuel M. Aman

Jane Lew

Around the District

HOPE Lions Club



At its regular monthly meeting held on January 9, 2020 at Twin Oaks Restaurant, the guest speaker for the Harrison County HOPE Lions Club was Riley Freeland, Grandfamilies Social Worker for Family Services of Harrison County. Freeland told the members about the services which the program provides to the current forty families involved. Freeland was introduced by club president Rocky Romano. Healthy Grandfamilies is a series of free discussion groups to provide information and resources to grandparents who are raising one or more grandchildren. As a show of their support for the program, club members donated approximately 200 items consisting of children's scarves, hats, toboggans, mittens, gloves and socks for the children who participate in the program. Shown in this photo from left to right are club members Steve Glass, Rob Garcia, Rocky Romano, Riley Freeland, Marla Ferree, Allen Ferree, John Church, Kevin Renzelli, Tara Perri, Brenda Malfregeot, Veronica Tonkin, Laura Kennedy, and Tammy Romano.

Lost Creek Lions Club



Tracy Smith, PDG District 29L '95-'96/Barrackville Lions; Worthy Hall, 61 year member/Melvin Jones recipient; Richard McClain, President; in the background is the 1940 Charter for Lost Creek Lions Club



Steve Hall, membership chairman and sponsor; John Palmer, new member; Richard McClain, President

Martinsburg Centennial Lions Club



These are pictures of a service project Martinsburg Centennial Lions Club called "Purses for a New Beginning".



The project entailed collecting new or gently used purses and were stuffed with toiletries. These purses were then donated to various women's shelters or other organizations that help women starting over their lives.

Paw Paw Lions Club 75th Anniversary Dinner

February 22 at Paw Paw Fire Hall Social Hall

2 PM - 3 PM Social Hour and 3 PM Dinner.

Salad, roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll and butter.

Coffee and tea. Dessert.

Cost \$15.

**RSVP by February 14 to Lion Jennifer Moreland (304)-947-7095
or Lion Joan Maggio (304) 947-5240.**

Hi everyone - I received a nice thank you letter from Anita Graham from WVU Children's Hospital thanking the Lions for all the generous donations at the Leadership Retreat. Thank you all! We did a good thing. Lion Cindy Glass

Lion's Club International
West Virginia Lions Leadership
Attn: Mrs. Cynthia Glass, Chair

January 28, 2020

Dear Cindy,

On behalf of our patients and their families we would like to thank the Lion's Clubs of West Virginia for the outpouring of support through donations of gift cards, money for the Cure Kids Cancer Fund and all the snacks and drinks for our Pediatric Blood and Cancer Center Infusion Center. Oftentimes our families spend an entire day in the Infusion Center because of treatment or procedures and having the availability of snacks, drinks or gift cards to local restaurants can be helpful. The Cure Kids Cancer Fund provides hotel rooms, meal coupons and supports our Indelible Paws program, which is only a portion of the programs and services provided to the pediatric hematology oncology program.

We appreciated the opportunity you provided for Anita Graham, our pediatric hematology oncology social worker, to come to speak to your organization. Our summer camp will be held June 8-12, 2020 and we would like to invite some of your members to visit camp.

The WVU Medicine Children's Pediatric Blood and Cancer Center looks forward to working with the Lion's Club in the future. Anita Graham is the contact person for our supportive programs and she can be reached at 304-293-1205 or agraham@hsc.wvu.edu.

All the best,

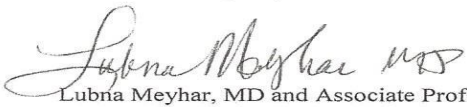
The Pediatric Hematology Oncology Team



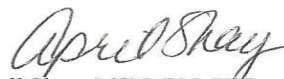
Patrick Tomboc, DO, Chief and Associate Professor



Steve Paul, MD, Professor



Lubna Meyhar, MD and Associate Professor



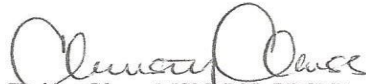
April Shay, MSN, RN, PNP



Carla Corbin, RN, Nurse Specialist



Kala Rorabaugh, PharmD, BCPPS



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Lions Club International Foundation CAMPAIGN 100 LCIF's Campaign 100 is the most ambitious fundraising goal in the history of the Lions Club. The worldwide goal is to raise \$300M by June of 2021 and to focus on:

- Increasing our service impact in the areas of vision, youth, disaster relief and humanitarian efforts
- Fighting diabetes
- Expanding our global causes through increased efforts to eliminate hunger and childhood cancer and saving the environment.

LCIF is our grant-making body enabling Lions to positively impact communities near and far. One hundred percent of your donation to LCIF fuels grants and programs supporting Lions compassionate service and benefiting those in need of a more promising future. You can be part of our historic \$300 million effort and benefit those who desperately need our help.

Last year clubs and individual Lions in our District gave \$25,523 to LCIF and as of January 31, 2020 they have contributed \$22,728. We have six clubs that have yet to make a contribution and hope more individuals will make donations. West Virginia has received much more in grants from LCIF than we have given in contributions. We need your help!

Club LCIF Coordinators and Zone Chairs! Please contact PCC Al Cox District LCIF Chair/Campaign 100 Coordinator for a program or more information. (304-216-5251/anewtc2@aol.com)

BRIDGEPORT LIONS CELEBRATE THEIR



At the Benedum Civic Center located at 164 W Main Street, Bridgeport WV
Thursday March 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm
You and your guest are invited to join us for dinner * Cost is \$12.00 per person

RSVP BY March 12 to

Charlene.R.Smyth@wv.gov

Or call 304-841-1111

**Guest Speakers and Memorial Champagne Flutes for Attending
DON'T MISS THIS EVENT!**



MD 29 RAP Chairperson ~ Deborah Delaney

Literacy is the essential foundation for participation in our global society. Without literacy, the world cannot fight poverty and disease, reduce child mortality, achieve gender equality and ensure sustainable development, peace and democracy. Yet, nearly 800 million people across the globe lack the ability to read and write. Of all the illiterate people in the world today, two-thirds are female and over 90 percent live in developing countries.

Lions everywhere are changing the lives of children and adults who have little or no access to schools, libraries, educational materials and the Internet. Whether they are involved with tutoring programs, book donations, or helping to build classrooms, Lions share a common goal: expanding our impact. The Lions Reading Action Program Campaign challenges us to make an even greater impact. We can work together to bring hope for a brighter, more fulfilling future to millions through literacy.

Your club can contribute to this worthwhile cause by purchasing chapter books for fourth or fifth graders in your local elementary school. Classroom Chapter Books can be exciting, alluring, and totally awe-worthy! These are books children love to read because they feature relatable characters and active plots that kids get swept up in, all while teaching them valuable reading comprehension and social emotional skills.

Scholastic Chapter Books Store is the best way to purchase these books. You can ask a teacher at your local school to order the books from Scholastic for you. Teachers usually get them at a discounted price while earning points for their classroom. They can also recommend which books to order. Book prices vary, so you can choose how much to spend per book.

Be sure to use the online service activity report to share what your club is doing as part of the Reading Action Program. Log on to MLCI.

Could/Should Your Club be a Model Club?

Lead by Example. Model Clubs do important work for important causes, leading by example as they encourage other clubs to participate in Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service.

Benefits of Being a Model Club. Two clubs in West Virginia have committed to be Model Clubs. Help your club become the next Model Club and gain these benefits:

- Model Clubs promote Campaign 100, which empowers Lion service in your community and around the world.
- Within the local community, Model Clubs build awareness of and support for LCIF.
- Model Club members enhance their collaboration and fundraising skills, becoming closer as they collectively support a common cause.
- Model Clubs receive special designation and recognition!

Support for Model Clubs

Once your members have agreed to a per-member average (PMA) fundraising goal of \$500 or more, complete and submit the brief, required Model Club Commitment Form.

Remember, while the benchmark PMA goal is US\$500, not all the money has to come from your club. The PMA is based on your combined donations from several sources in addition to the club treasury. You can hold a dedicated fundraising event. You may have community members who are interested in donating, even businesses or local foundations. Utilize your personal contacts – they all count toward the PMA.

You may be surprised how little more it would take for your club to be a model club. Donations made beginning July 1, 2018, are counted toward the campaign, and Model Clubs have until June 30, 2022, to fulfill their pledges. Ask your District LCIF Coordinator what your current PMA is to see how close you are to becoming a Model Club.

Helping you reach your goals are several brochures, commitment forms, videos, and presentations. Even better, your club and district coordinator will help you effectively use the materials to lead your Model Club – and Campaign 100 – to success!

Recognition in Three Stages:

Commit to lead as a Model Club and your club will receive special recognition upon reaching each of three milestones:

- Commitment to participate
- Achievement of PMA goal
- Fulfillment of all pledges and commitments

Full information on Model Clubs is available from your District Coordinator or from lionsclubs.org.



**Instructions for Application for a Lion's Club License Plate
MULTIPLE DISTRICTS 29**

Application Requirements:

Anyone can apply for a Lions Club License plate.

The application must provide a personal property tax receipt or an affidavit from the assessor, if the current plate is expiring within 60 days.

The applicant must submit a check or money order of \$76.50 made out to MD 29 WV LCI to the address below.

Send to: **PCC Ken Shahan**
MD-29 Sec/Treas.
1641 Adams Avenue
Clarksburg, WV 26301
kenshahan@aol.com

Vehicle Requirements & Information:

The vehicle must be a class A car or truck, under 10,001 lbs. GVW

The vehicle must have a WV title.

A valid WV license plate must already be registered for the vehicle, in the titled owner's name.

There are no restrictions on the number of special plates one person can obtain.

Leased vehicles are eligible for Lion's club plates.

Allow for up to 60 days for new plates to arrive:

This allows for the Lions Club, DMV, and the USPS to process and deliver the plates. There are no refunds on special plates, as once a plate number is registered; it cannot be used by another registrant.

What to do when you receive your new Lion's Club plate:

The old plate must be returned to the DMV. It may not be transferred to another vehicle. The DMV will mail out and process all renewals. Remember that you must keep your address up to date. DMV does not honor USPS forwarding addresses. Prior to July 1 when the registration expires; you must provide the DMV proof of insurance and proof of property tax paid for renewal.

Submit pictures and articles by the 3rd 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 Ruth at 904-608-4715



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