

Important Information Regarding the 2018 MD 29 Convention
By Steve Glass, General Chairperson

Date: May 4-6, 2018

Location: Lakeview Golf Resort & Conference Center

Convention Calls, Registration and Delegate Certification: *The West Virginia Lion*, the official publication of the Convention went out to each West Virginia Lion either through the U.S. Mail or via email on March 4, 2018. It included the official convention call for the multiple district convention and the three district conventions. A copy of the registration form was also included in the *West Virginia Lion*, and is included in another section of this newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE: *In order for a Lion to vote at the Sunday morning district convention, the Lion must be registered for all or any part of the MD Convention, have been designated a delegate or alternate delegate from his/her club, and have his/her delegate card certified by the DG or District CST of his/her district before 9:30 A.M. on Saturday morning, May 5th or by 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, May 6th.* This means that I must receive a registration form from that Lion and the registration fee for the entire convention or for the part of the convention that he/she wishes to attend.

District Conventions (Breakfasts): Lions wishing to have breakfast on Sunday morning at their district convention will need to make a reservation with their district cabinet secretary-treasurer by Wednesday, May 2nd. It will be a plated breakfast and the cost is \$15.00 per person.

Weekend Entertainment: Friday night: *Matt's Blues* Saturday night: *Trailer Grass Orchestra*
You can find out more about each in the *West Virginia Lion*.

We will have a cash bar during each entertainment session and we will be giving away prizes and cash for those who are on the dance floor when we draw for prizes.

The Saturday Luncheon will feature Morgantown native, Larry Delawder, who is renowned for his Barney Fife impersonations. Larry and his family has traveled thousands of miles across the US to bring laughter and good will to thousands. How ironic that both he and Don Knotts, who starred as the lovable, bumbling deputy in the classic *Andy Griffith Show*, are both Morgantown natives. You will not want to miss this performance!

West Virginia Past District Governors Luncheon: Friday, May 4th at noon. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Checks are payable to the 2018 MD 29 Convention. Reservations must be made with CC/PDG Cindy Glass (304-203-2006 or cinwa130@gmail.com) by Tuesday, May 1st.

Seminars: We will have one seminar focusing on the implementation of and the roles and responsibilities of the club and district global service coordinator. Another seminar will provide an integrated approach for club officer training, reviewing the roles for each officer and the duties and responsibilities of the club officers and board of directors.

Service Project: The Appalachian Prison Book Project (APBP) is a nonprofit organization that sends free books to people imprisoned in the Appalachian region and facilitates year-round book clubs inside federal prisons in West Virginia. It grew out of an American prison literature course taught by Katy Ryan in 2004 at West Virginia University. Since then, APBP has mailed over 20,000 free books to people in prison in

six states: West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, and Maryland. APBP is a labor-intensive effort that requires books, volunteers, money for postage and supplies, and lots of organization. A team of volunteers responds to letters from imprisoned people who are looking for reading materials. The Project receives approximately 100 letters every week. You can bring new or slightly used books to donate to the project. Self-help or how to books in paperback form are needed. **Hard cover books cannot be accepted.** You will have the opportunity to wrap books and send a note of encouragement to an incarcerated person during our activity session. You may also make a financial donation.

Silent Auction: We ask that each club donate one item for our silent auction so that there will be a good variety of items to bid on when you come to the Convention. We will accept gift cards and packages as well as the usual hand-made and handcrafted items. Possible ideas include any of the following: a handmade craft item, specialty or theme baskets, special glassware or collections, trading pins, wearing apparel (ties, vests, scarves, etc.), gift certificates, and packages. We ask that you bring items that are enticing enough that YOU will be willing to bid. Please email or call Lion Cindy Glass at cinwa130@gmail.com or 304-203-2006 with the item being donated, item's value, club name, and who to contact with their email address and phone number.