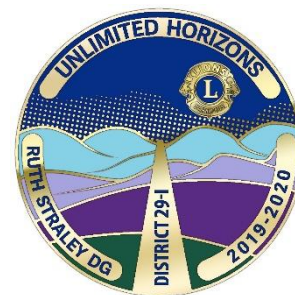




May 2020

UNLIMITED HORIZONS

District Governor Ruth Straley



Greetings Fellow Lions,

This has certainly been a time in our lives we will never forget. Now WV Governor Justice says it is time to begin opening the State so we are off on another journey. In our Lions history there has never been a time when we had to shut down all meetings and fundraising activities. I am certain that some Lions have volunteered for different functions during this time as individuals more than groups. You are congratulated for whatever you did to assist during this pandemic. A large percentage of our members fall within the 60 and above age group and we have done our best to stay safe by staying home.

Several Lions have contacted me about how to proceed in the month of May. My answer is to keep doing whatever keeps you safe. The WV Governor has not yet provided guidelines for meetings of 25 or more within the next 6 weeks. The Stay Home Order has been lifted but everyone is asked not to congregate in groups. Most of our clubs meet with food involved and when restaurant dining is opened it will be with strict guidelines. So, what am I saying? My District Governor recommendation is that you delay having meetings until **JUNE** at the earliest. If you have fundraising activities planned that include the public attending with food I would not do it in June. If the number of persons infected continues to decrease and there is no prohibitive guidance your club should decide if July is a safe time. Keep in mind always that your local health departments need to be contacted if planning such an event.

As you have seen in Lions International publications the International Conference was cancelled. The International officers from this year will stay in those positions for the next year. LCI did not follow its own guidance in the districts. The district officers are changing on July 1. We have voting by mail almost complete with results being announced on May 9. Thank you to all the clubs for voting and being creative in the election of club officers. LCI input was due on May 1.

I visited with all but 3 clubs in our district. I hope June affords an opportunity to do informal visits. If you were at these meetings you know that 2 of my goals were 100% club donations to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and the West Virginia Sight Foundation. Unfortunately, on May 1 we still have clubs that have not donated to both. I ask you in this terrible time to help with a donation of any amount to both. LCIF has provided grants to help with COVID-19 expenses and Tennessee tornado recovery in the last 6 weeks. Our Sight Foundation continues to assist those who need our help in West Virginia. So please help our district reach the 100% goals.

I will be sending letters and chevrons of recognition of years of Lions membership to club presidents to be presented when meetings resume. I was hoping to get back to clubs to make these presentations myself, but it isn't going to happen. I congratulate each Lion for achieving these years of service.

ADAPT. It is a word I have come to understand means to accept what is today and figure out how to make the best of it to be safe, keep our loved ones safe, and do what we can to support our families. It means the

foods you want from the grocery store may not be there and toilet paper may be the most sought after item in the store. It means we learn to wear masks and use lots of soap and hand sanitizer to keep our hands clean. It also means we have to quit touching our faces which all of us do many times a day. A really tough one is that we learn we can't shake hands or give hugs. This pandemic has stolen those "hello, how are you" expressions from us. However, what we keep for all times is our pride in being Lions and knowing that when the pandemic is curtailed, we will be there again – TO SERVE.

Be safe!

District Governor Ruth Straley



Lion John Mason First Vice District Governor

I have been busy preparing for the upcoming Lion year 2020-2021 as your District Governor. Small tasks such as selecting a slogan, creating a pin, ordering the blazer to bigger, more difficult tasks such as filling the district and multiple district cabinet positions. Not only does your local club need leaders but the district as well. You have taken the first step to join the local Lions club to serve in your community. Step 2 was to hold a local club office. Now take step 3, accept a position on the district cabinet

to help plan for our future. It is not too late for this year; I still have a couple of vacancies. I know you are all extremely busy, but that is why you are called upon, people know you can be counted on to get the job done. Who will help the district cabinet get the job done?

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

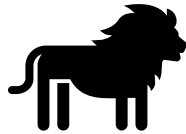


District Leo Chairs:

The USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation is happy to invite you to our Virtual Leo Leadership Conference that will be conducted via zoom on May 30-31, 2020 at 2pm (Est). This online **FREE** event is open to Leo's, Lions, Leo Advisors, and faculty Advisors. We have scheduled awesome facilitators from throughout the United States and Caribbean. Among our facilitators is Lions International First Vice President Douglas Alexander. Stay tune for more information about seminars that will be offered.

Registration is **NOW OPEN!** - Go to: leoconference.leosforum.org

29L Multiple District Leo Chair Ramona Sago



Our New Norm!!!!!!

When we re-evaluate what has taken place over the past several months, we have time to consider what is the most important elements in our lives. As Lions, we are there to serve and there are many ways to serve. On April 25th there was the first Lions Virtual Symposium. We need to take advantage of this informational program. This will help us to build our clubs and teach us how to deal with the “New Norm.”

[You Tube.com](#) The Future of Lionism - Lions Virtual Symposium - You Tube

#Lions Virtual

#Lions Clubs

#We Serve

#Symposium

We have clubs that are struggling, and I hope they open their eyes and hearts and notice the many active volunteers (during this crisis) who are helping and would make great members in our clubs.

Lions Clubs International Second Vice President Brian Sheehan said it well when looking to rebuild or start anew:

Six Steps to Change your life:

1. When you change your thinking, you change your beliefs
2. When you change your beliefs, you change your expectations
3. When you change your expectations, you change your attitude
4. When you change your attitude, you change your behavior
5. When you change your behavior, you change your performance
6. When you change your performance, you change your life.



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Dear West Virginia Lion:

We all know the uncertainty of today's health care. This has resulted in a huge need from our Sight Foundation, and has created a drain of available funds for services through the Foundation.

Through the generosity of District 29-L 2nd VDG Ramona and Lion Dave Sago of the Western Monongalia County Area Lions Club, a beef cow has been donated for raffle by the Lions of West Virginia! The proceeds from this raffle will be presented to the WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation.

Now, we need your help! Each Lions Club in the state of West Virginia will receive a packet of twenty (20) tickets to be sold or purchased, equaling a donation of \$100. Each ticket can be obtained with a donation of \$5.00 per ticket. The initial supply of printed tickets equals 4,000. If ALL 162 clubs participate, and the extra tickets are also sold, it will be possible to realize a \$20,000 profit for the Sight Foundation! Additionally, if your club sells OVER \$100 in tickets, your club will receive credit toward a Leonard Jarrett Award according to the amount of sales. **Keep in mind that every ticket sold has four (4) chances to win!**

Please return the stubs with a check in the amount of sales to me at the above address as soon as your tickets are sold. Additional tickets are available by contacting me at the information provided in this letter. A drawing of four (4) tickets will take place for four (4) quarters of beef at the Sight Foundation Meeting held during District C's Conference in November 2020.

PLEASE SEND CHECKS – WRITTEN TO THE “WV LIONS BEEF RAFFLE” – PRIOR TO OCTOBER 26, 2020

Since the Sight Foundation is **YOUR** Foundation, it is my hope that every club in our state will participate in this project. I want to express a special **THANK YOU** to Lions Ramona and Dave Sago for your generosity and making this raffle possible. Also, **THANK YOU** in advance for your participation in making this raffle a success and helping our fellow West Virginians with their sight and hearing needs.

Call me at 304-242-0911 if you have any questions, or if you wish to request more raffle tickets.

Thanks for all you do!

Lion Paul

Lion Paul Amrhein

WV Lions Multiple District 29

Beef Raffle

Proceeds Benefit: WV Eye Sight Foundation



"Follow me each month to see how fat I am getting and to see how close to our goal we're coming".

By now all Clubs should have tickets to sell. Even though we can't get out due to the coronas virus we can still use media, telephone and the mail.

- "EACH CLUB" will have 20 tickets to sell at \$5 each. Each ticket holder will get 4 chances to win, since the beef will be split into 4 quarters.
- Drawing will be held at the District C Conference – November 6, 7, 8, 2020.
- The GOAL is to raise \$20,000. Every Club in each District MUST do their part in order for this fundraiser to be successful!

Beef will be butchered by HYDES MEAT PACKING – ENTERPRIZE, WV

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Q: "WHERE'S THE BEEF?"

A: "AT A LIONS CLUB NEAR YOU!!"

The **WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation** –Our local Lions "Foundation" needs our help now. Over the past two years or so, the fundraisers for the Foundation have not taken place for many very good reasons. The former Beef Raffle and the Wheeling Car Show came to a natural end, thus a loss of about \$30,000.00 annually to the Foundation. At the same time the cost of caring for needy families of WV went up. It doesn't take a banker to understand that something must be done – less care for those in need is not an option.

Through the generosity of Lion 2nd VDG Ramona and Lion Dave Sago (District 29-L), a NEW & improved BEEF RAFFLE is taking place. A steer, when harvested, will be quartered, packaged and frozen and awarded to the four (4) lucky winners of the 2020 Lions Beef Raffle.

Each Lion Club president or secretary and each Foundation Trustee has received a package of 20 raffle tickets. The 20 tickets are to be bought by the club for \$100.00 or sold for \$5.00 per ticket.



A ticket - when sold should be torn apart, as indicated. Return the stubs and cash to PDG Paul Amrhein, 4957 Glen Dale Heights Road, Wheeling, WV 26003. The drawing of four (4) tickets will take place at the 29-C Conference in November 2020. Checks should be made out to: "**WV LIONS BEEF RAFFLE**" and returned to **PDG Paul Amrhein prior to October 26, 2020.**

If we all participate and each Lion Club sells all the tickets we should realize a \$20,000.00 profit for our WVLSCF. More tickets are available, if requested.

REMEMBER--- Each ticket sold has four (4) chances to win !!!!

Thank you for your help and service to LIONISM.

PDG Glenn Ryburn

Trustee

Submit pictures and articles by the 3rd of each month in order to get in the next month's newsletter.

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with a text copy to DG Ruth at 904-608-4715



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