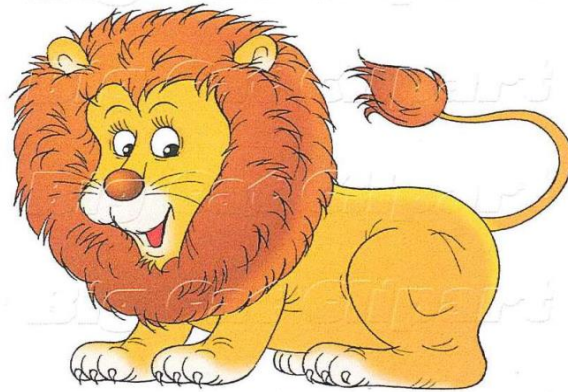


LIONS TALE

District 29-N Newsletter
for February 2014

Ed Via, District Governor



Lions Gather to Learn Skills for Leadership

Lions from around the state gathered for the annual Leadership School, which was held this year at the Days Hotel Conference Center in Flatwoods during the last weekend in January. Attendees were offered a good selection of seminars, inspiring speakers, and enjoyable fellowship with other Lions.

Seminars this year included one on diabetes prevention and care. A doctor from the Ohio University School of Osteopathic Medicine led this highly informative seminar. He was assisted by Lion Jim McMillon who discussed the role of Lions in diabetes awareness. Another excellent seminar was the one entitled "mind mapping+a process to brainstorm+more effectively. Other seminars ranged from one on Tail Twister, to one for club secretaries to one entitled "Leadership 101- Applies to everyone.+ These and many other seminars made something appealing for all Lions seeking to improve leadership skills.

Among the speakers, were the Marshall University athletic director, Michael Hamrick at dinner on Friday and Brad Rinehart South Charleston's chief of police at lunch on Saturday. PID Mark Hintzmann spoke Saturday evening. The Sunday lunch speaker was the leader of the American Federation of the Blind, Carl Augusto. Obviously each speaker contributed a unique take on the topic leadership as each shared from his own experiences.

The assembled Lions enjoyed fellowship at mealtime, friendly competition playing games and socializing at the hospitality room. Not to mention the unstructured time spent forming and renewing friendships. All of this should point to the fact that it should be FUN to be a Lion.

The 2014 Leadership School has come and gone. Hopefully, each attendee had a positive experience learning and growing together as Lions. If you were unable to go, consider marking the last weekend of January 2015 on the calendar and try to attend next year.



Spring Roundup

As spring approaches, we reach a time for placing special emphasis on recruiting new members to grow and renew our clubs. Some may ask why this is important. First, new members can translate into more and better service to our communities and world. And secondly recruiting new and especially younger members, helps extend the life of our organization. Clearly, if our clubs are truly important to us, and to our communities, we should want to see them grow.

Each club should strive to reach at least a plus one in membership each year. I challenge every club to do this. My goal was, and is to reach a plus 100 over the district. While lofty, this is not an impossible goal-each club would only need an average of plus three.

Having a spring roundup is one way of reaching these goals. This involves having members brainstorm to put together a list of potential members. A club officer should send a letter to each prospect inviting him/her to a specific meeting of the club and then each prospect should be visited or called before the meeting. A special informative meeting should be held and the prospective members should be invited to join the club.

Lions Clubs International has a publication entitled "Just Ask" which can be downloaded from the website.(lionsclubs.org) "Just Ask" provides lots of good information on membership recruitment.

So Lions of District 29Nlet our ROAR be heard all over the district as we recruit members to join us in spreading the work of Lionism to each of our communities.



Time to Move On...

Since joining the Lions Club in White Sulphur Springs in 2001, I have been involved with the Youth Exchange program. I have also seen a name change to Youth Camp and Exchange Program. I was very lucky to sit on a seminar panel for YCE in Bangkok at the Lions International Convention. What an experience that was.

My current term is up this year and I am not going to continue on the committee. With redistricting imminent, the person elected to the committee from 29-N may not serve all four years if our district becomes 29-C. However, a YCE person DOES need to be elected in April at the State Convention.

I can answer any questions you may have and would love to share experiences. If anyone from 29-N is interested in serving on the committee, please contact me or Lion Sue Via.

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Cabinet Meeting Scheduled for February

The District 29-N Cabinet will meet on Sunday, February 23, 2014, at 2 p.m. at the Mount Hope Clubhouse. Refreshments will be served but not a complete meal. We are looking forward to seeing and hearing from each of you.

Yours in Lionism DG Ed Via District Secretary and Treasurer Jane.

Plans for Spring . . .

Programs?

- Membership?** Who you going to call? Dennis Keffer (304)228-0025
- Leadership support?** Who you going to call to help train new officers?
Merlin Trickett (304)619-9981
- Youth Exchange?** Who you going to call? Sue Via (304)772-5273
- Service Dogs?** Who you going to call? Joe Laskey (304) 799-6542
- Peace Poster?** Who you going to call? Priscilla Valko (304)436-8032
- RAP?** Who you going to call? Jo Browning (304)732- 8663
- Diabetes Awareness/LEHP?** Who you going to call? Lisa Keffer (304)228-0025

Membership Round-up

Elections and report officers to DG, 1st Vice DG, LCI

Complete Governor's Contest Send reports to Shirley Nuttall, rsnuttall@aol.com



Lions Pride

Marlinton Lions Install New Members on Charter Night

On January 23, 2014, the Marlinton Lions Club installed four new members and one transfer from the Lewisburg Club.

Sixty-one years ago, the Marlinton Lions Club was formed on January 23, 1953. Tonight, 61 years later, First Vice District Governor Charlie Sheets from the Durbin Club installed four new members and welcomed a transfer. First Vice District Governor Charlie Sheets is pictured with David Merryman, Mary Alice Merryman, Joanne Eddy, Robert Michael, transfer, and Vivian Michael.



Other news since the Club last reported: Four members attended zone meeting during October at Durbin; our club hosted Zone Meeting in November; we held a Halloween Party for the town's children; five members attended Fall Conference; and, we donated to the Parade of checks. We have also donated to the Marlinton Fire Department and American Red Cross, local Food Pantry, Family resource Network Christmas, Hurricane Club quilt raffle. Our State and International dues are paid. We hosted the official visit of District Governor Ed Via and six members attended White Sulphur Springs District Governor official visit. Two members attended the Leadership School at Flatwoods and we will be sponsoring the Bloodmobile for the Red Cross in February.

Submitted by Lion Joe Laskey, Sec. 161 Crow Hill Lane Marlinton WV 24954-6808

Crystal Pin Awarded



First Vice Governor, Charlie Sheets presented a Crystal Pin to Immediate Past President, Gary Taylor for membership Achievement award. Vice Governor Sheets read a letter from Immediate Past International President, Wayne A. Madden.

“Congratulations! Our records show that your club met the Club President’s award criteria by achieving positive net growth for this year ending June 30, 2013. This is a significant accomplishment and you should be extremely proud of the outcome of your efforts and contributions to “a World of Service. Therefore it is with great pleasure that I forward your Crystal Pin to you with appreciation for your contribution to membership growth and in a “World of Service” your club’s efforts to improve your local community.”

Sincerely Wayne A. Madden PIP

Found Quotes to think about

When something bad happens you have three choices

You can either let it define you or

Your can let it destroy you or

You can let it strengthen you.

We used pencils when we were small
But now we use pens. DO YOU KNOW WHY?

Bcoz mistakes in childhood can be erased
But not now . . .

Answering some questions based on research.

Using some LCI Suggestions for developing a local project in any area

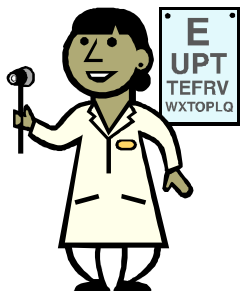
I have been browsing the LCI site and also receiving e-mails from LCI. I have also been asked recently about how to actually come up with some new projects. It seems that some folks are tired of the same old, same old. They want to do something new and different. I came across an article titled "Protecting Our Environment" which sparked the plagiaristic gene in my brain. But then don't they (whoever they are) say that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. You can find their article in the Global Service Action Campaigns if you want to go to the original.

Their article is based on April's campaign. I am planning to use it as a basis for a campaign of a different type. We want to have an eye screening of adults in Wyoming County as well as the project which is a continuing effort to screen school children on a regular basis. We also want to have some type of Diabetes Awareness event. Right now, in February, we don't have anything locked down for either project. Now is the time that we can join them together and perhaps get other clubs in our Zone to help in the effort. Here is where we join the LCI model.

Step 1: Create a Planning Committee.
Phone calls and e-mails have started today.

Step 2: Pick Your Project
After we (whoever decides to buy into the project) decide on specific goals, venues, and scope; we will let you know what happens next.

Additional steps include Publicize Your Project, Implement Your Project, Tell Us About Your Project, and Celebrate Your Success. Perhaps we will be including additional information about our progress toward sharing this project in southern West Virginia.
Betsy Ross, Newsletter Editor.



Plan Ahead for the WV Lions State Convention

The 92nd Annual West Virginia Lions State Convention will be held April 25-27, 2014 at Stonewall Resort located near Roanoke WV off I-79. This convention will have a different feel to it. The Friday evening meal will be an informal gathering to enjoy socializing and barbecue. The deadline for the discount registration fee of \$105.00 for the Convention is April 1, 2014. According to the registration form, new members after July 1, 2013 who are first timers to state convention can register for \$95.00. The late registration fee for registrations made after April 1, 2013 will be \$120.00. Registration fee need to be sent to: Jane Lew Lions Club P. O. Box 584 at Jane Lew WV 26378. Phone: Ruth Straley (304) 884-6842

Reservations for rooms need to be made by April 4th. Room reservations can be made by contacting: Stonewall Resort at (888)278-8150 or (304) 269-7400. Room Rate: \$99.00 per night per room (+ tax). There are a limited number of cabins available. The Group Number to be used for reservations is 589814 (WV Lions).

Reservations for **Sunday breakfast**, where District Governor elections will be held, are \$15.00 and need to be made by April 1. These reservations can be made for 29N by contacting our Cabinet Secretary/ Treasurer Jane Yankey PO Box 275 Danese WV 25831

Every Club should send someone to the Annual Convention. This is an opportunity to have fellowship together, plan for the next year, enjoy WV beauty, compare information about what is working in parts of the state and what can be done differently, become aware of changing technologies, and discuss service projects that make a difference in peoples lives.

Charlie Biggs says . . . plan to attend the Sight Foundation meeting. More information will follow in later newsletters.

I got a call this evening as I was finishing this newsletter that Scott Neely's widow, Betty Neely has joined Scott. I don't have any of the particulars but thought that some of you would want to know.

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WEST VIRGINIA LIONS STATE

ANNUAL

CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Name _____ Club Officer Title _____

State Official Title _____ Past District Governor _____

Club Name _____ District _____ L I O N

If spouse will accompany, name of spouse _____

Phone Number: (Cell) _____ (Home) _____

E-mail _____ Arrival Date _____

Registration fee: \$105 if paid by April 1, 2014 – New members after July 1, 2013, who are first timers to state convention - \$95 – Late Registration Fee: \$120 if paid after April 2, 2014

ROOM RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE MADE NOW!

The room will not be charged until the day of arrival or no-show of first date of reservation. Room rate: \$99.00 per night per room (+ tax)

Limited number of cabins available.

Group Number to be used for Reservation: 589814 (WV Lions)

Call (888)278-8150 or (304)269-7400

Rooms will be released on April 4, 2014

***MUST RESERVE BEFORE
THIS DATE***

**Amount Paid _____ for
_____ number of attendees.**

Registration Fee includes: Friday social; Saturday lunch and dinner; Sunday lunch plus nightly entertainment. \$45. Saturday banquet only – paid by April 1, 2014.

Sunday's district Breakfast: \$15.00 payable by April 1, 2014 to the District Secretary Treasurer.

**Will you be attending the Sunday Brekfast?
Yes No District _____**

The West Virginia Lion Pamphlet will be given out on-site to all registrants.

**Make registration checks payable
To: Jane Lew Lions Club**

Mail to: Jane Lew Lions Club
P. O. Box 584
Jane Lew, WV 26378

Mark your calendar: Upcoming events both locally and internationally



March 14-15, 2014

District L Conference

Blennerhassett Hotel, Parkersburg

March 25, 2014

District Governor's Visit to Lewisburg

April 25-27, 2014

WV Lions Convention

Stonewall Jackson Resort

July 4-8, 2014

International Convention

Toronto, Canada

Global Service Action Campaign

Protecting Our Environment. Plant trees and flowers. Clean up litter. Organize a recycling project. Observe EARTH Day on April 28th.

LOOKING AHEAD - Reporting Club Officers for 2014-2015

This year, I hope to see every club elect and report their officers no later than May 1. Also clubs should report any changes in meeting times or location. Please send all of this information to VDG Charlie Sheets, to me, and LCI by that date. This will give the VDG more time to complete work on the directory and will help insure all information is up to date and correct. I will send a reporting form to each club as soon as they are available. Thanks for attention to this matter. It really will be helpful if all clubs will do this.

Thanks DG Ed Via