

THE LIONS TALE



From the District Governor

By DG Charles Sheets



Carolyn & Charles Sheets

Toronto, Canada was buzzing with over 17,000 Lions from around the world in July, 2014, getting excited with our new President Joe and Joni Preston. They are from Arizona, young and vibrant and will lead Lions through *Strengthen the Pride*. A Pride is a family of close-knit lions. Each member of the pride has a responsibility just like us Lions. The English dictionary has another definition of the word "Pride" – a feeling of happiness that you get when you or someone you know does something good for mankind. President Joe wants Lions to *Strengthen the Pride* by bringing the full Lion's family closer together, working in a spirit of cooperation and understanding, with each Lion member doing their share.

Our delegation consisted of approximately 45 enthusiastic WV Lions parading through beautiful Toronto on a sunny Saturday. This is a sight to behold, seeing Lions from all over the world wearing their colorful dresses and costumes with

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one motto, WE SERVE. If you have never been to a national convention of Lions now is the time to begin thinking about attending June 26–30, 2015, Honolulu, Hawaii.

We held our first cabinet meeting with 28 Lions present on July 19th at the Summersville Memorial U. M. Church. A video of our International President's theme, *Strengthen the Pride*, was shown illustrating his platform for success as follows: through Service, Membership Development, Strengthening Your Club, Leadership, Creativity, Giving, and through Courage and Conviction. If all Lions in 29N would adhere to these principles we would grow, because strength is in numbers.

Membership, retention of members, recruiting new and younger members will be priorities for our

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district. We lost 50 members and three clubs the past year. Last year of 36 clubs, 14 had a minus net growth, 12 a plus membership and 10 clubs kept the same number. To tackle the problem we will begin by the "ASK ONE" principle. If each club members would make it a meaningful and genuine goal to ASK a friend that has the desire and passion to serve, its really that simple, to ask one, two, or three. As your District Governor I am committed to ASK 50 people who I think have the desire to serve. Lions International has a brochure to develop your ASK ONE plan.

Leadership Development will be emphasized this Lions year as we will offer Leadership classes during fall conferences and throughout. Previously in May and June, 2014, we presented "The Leader In You", which not only applied to Lions, but to

your business, your church and to a better, happier and successful family life. We would be willing to offer this class if two or more clubs would like to get together.

Lion Carolyn and I are looking forward to visiting and spending quality time with your club. Before my visits I will ask the host club "how many new members do you have for me to induct?" We must be ready when a member says "yes" so that there is a timely club approval, meaningful induction, and presentation of the membership certificate and Lion Pin, as well as a follow up orientation.

We have in place an excellent and seasoned cadre of Lions making up our cabinet and zone chairs. Please feel free to contact these Lions for any assistance. If I can be of any assistance please feel free to contact me at casheets4@yahoo.com or call 304-456-4762.

29N District Conference at Pipestem

By DG Charles Sheets



A lively, inspiring, and educational Fall Conference will be held November 7-9, 2014, at Pipestem, one of the state's most beautiful and most visited state parks. The Park Superintendent, Dave Caplinger, will present a program Saturday about the park. Friday night's entertainment will be "Juanita Fireball and the Continental Drifters", an energetic and entertaining Bluegrass Band from Pocahontas County. This will be a Pioneer/Hillbilly Dress-up occasion. We will offer prizes of West Virginia "moonshine" to the most original couple and most handsome couple. We trust this will be incentive enough for you to begin planning your outfits.

For the past year we have been planning for a minimum of 175 Lions, plus spouses/ guest. Clubs under 15 members should encourage (5) Lions to attend and clubs with 16 or more members, 10 Lions to attend. Your District

Governor and zone chairs will be calling on each club to participate in the Parade of Checks during the Saturday evening banquet. Each club will be expected to participate in our lions humanitarian programs by sending a check to our Cabinet Treasurer by October 31, 2014 (see form for address). Individual lions can also donate, boosting your club's total. As part of our humanitarian program, we ask that each club bring to Pipestem one Decorated bushel basket of non-perishable food items. These baskets will be weighed and judged, and then donated to the Summers County food pantry.

We will begin Saturday morning with a cabinet meeting, and then continue with training and learning opportunities for Lions and

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spouses/guests throughout the day.

We are delighted that Congressman Nick J. Rahall, II will be our Saturday luncheon speaker. "He is uniquely positioned as the top Democrat on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to address some of the most fundamental needs of our State's economy. Congressman Rahall is a Ranking Member on this committee and has jurisdiction over the construction of our highways and bridges and airports, as well as waterways, and railways that help get our State's products like coal and timber to buyers overseas."

We are excited to have Michael Molenda, International Director, and wife Linda, join us. They are from Hastings, Minnesota. He is a member of the Rosemont Lions Club since 1984, an attorney, has held about all Lions offices, and is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Please complete the conference registration form and send to the cabinet treasurer along with your check. Pipestem's phone is listed on the form

and please do not wait to call as rooms will fill quickly.

A copy of the conference registration form is attached or it can be downloaded from the district website and printed.

Conference Silent Auction

By Lion Connie Dorscheid

There will be a silent auction at the District 29N Conference in November. It would be great if each club could contribute one item for the auction. The profits from the auction help defray the cost of conference expenses. District 29N always has a wonderful conference and the costs are usually less expensive than other conferences. Come enjoy what may be the last of 29N's conferences as we may meld into District C. Enjoy the auction and other activities that will be available at the conference.

For questions or concerns please contact: Lion Connie Dorscheid at wvconnie@gmail.com or Lion Suzanne Stewart at (304)456-4910.

From the 1st VDG

By 1st VDG Ken Valko

Greetings from 1st VDG Ken. Or as some know me, the Carver Hound. Thanks for this opportunity to address you. As you know we are in a period of change. There are many issues in front of us, especially the new redistricting which the membership has voted on. Change may be viewed as good or not so good, but I believe change gives us opportunity and new ways of solving an issue to make a better product. As a sculptor I am continually viewing my work and asking what

changes I might do to make the sculpture better. Doing this most always improves the outcome. Wishing you a Great Year and a chance to work on creative and new ideas to SERVE your Community.

Yours for Lionism,
Lion Ken



District 29N Cabinet 2014-15

District Governor Charles Sheets
 1st Vice DG Ken Valko
 Immediate Past DG Ed Via, Jr.
 Secretary/Treasurer Rick Wooddell
 Global Membership Team: Dennis Keffer
 Global Leadership Team: Garland Burke

Program/Activity Chairs

Diabetes/LEHP : Del Cohrs
 District Conference : Linda Burke & Charlie Biggs
 DG Contest: Michael Fleshman
 International Relations/Environmental Awareness: J. W. Puckett
 Leader/Pilot Dog: Joe Laskey
 LEO/Youth Outreach: Rodena Belcher
 LCIF & Public Relations: Richard Brockway
 Mobile Eye Screening Unit: Charlie Biggs
 Past DG Committee: George Gillespie
 Peace Poster: Kathy Moss
 Reading Action Program: Lisa Keffer
 Sight & Hearing Awareness: James Miller
 Youth Exchange: Sue Via
 Webmaster/Newsletter Editor: Roger Norrod

Zone Chairs

Zone 1 Dale Fitzpatrick
 Clubs: Beaver, Beckley, Crab Orchard-MacArthur, Mount Hope
 Zone 2 Steve Moss
 Clubs: Ansted, Fayetteville, Gauley Bridge, Montgomery, Oak Hill
 Zone 3 Glen Davis
 Clubs: Athens, Bluefield, Bluewell, Princeton
 Zone 4 Ken Valko
 Clubs: Bradshaw, Gary, Jaeger
 Zone 4 John Vance
 Clubs: Mullens, Pineville, Welch
 Zone 5 Merlin Trickett
 Clubs: Alderson, Hinton, Rainelle, Ronceverte, Union
 Zone 6 Larry Lucas
 Clubs: Durbin, Lewisburg, Marlinton, White Sulphur Springs
 Zone 7 Sarah Legg
 Clubs: Burnsville, Clay, Gassaway, Sutton, Flatwoods-Heaters
 Zone 8 Bill Bennett
 Clubs: Craigsville, Cowen, Richwood, Summersville

Calendar

- Aug. 18 – DG Visits Burnsville Lions
- Aug. 26 – DG Visits Flatwoods-Heater Lions
- Sept. 2 – DG Visits Rainelle Lions
- Sept. 4 – DG Visits Crab Orchard-MacArthur Lions
- Sept. 13 – Leadership Training Cross Lanes (see News Notes, p7)
- Sept. 18 – DG Visits Princeton Lions
- Oct. 8 – Conference Registration Fee Increases
- Nov. 7-9 29N Conference – Pipestem



Some attendees at the 29N cabinet meeting July 19th in Summersville.



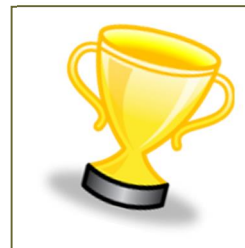
District Governor's Contest

The District Governor's contest for 2014-15 is now underway, running from August 1 through April 30. Clubs earn points for certain service activities, membership gains, and member training activities. Small clubs (20 or fewer members) will be judged separately from larger clubs and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards in each club category will be determined based on the points awarded.

Complete contest rules and scoresheets have been mailed to all club presidents by Contest Chair Michael Fleshman of the Crab Orchard-MacArthur Lions. Questions, as well as scoresheets, should be addressed to Lion Michael.

Some of the contest point-earning opportunities are:

- Starting a new and creative service project (20 points!).
- Conducting community vision screening.



- Members' attending district conferences, leadership school, etc.
- Adding new members.
- And many more accomplishments earn points...

So, encourage members to embrace the Ask1 concept, bring in new blood, and have a great year!



Quilt Raffle for WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation

This beautiful WV quilt (the pattern is sometimes called "Grandmother's Fan") was handmade by the late Dorothy Henson. This is one of many quilts Mrs. Henson made for Lions raffles, and the proceeds of this fall's 29N raffle are to go to the WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation (WVLSCF). The drawing will be held Nov. 8 during the Saturday evening banquet, at the 29-N Fall Conference. Dorothy's daughter, Charlotte Henson, will be present for the drawing. Charlotte is an active member of the Cross Lanes Lions Club and District 29-O 2nd VDG.

Raffle tickets to be copied are attached or can be downloaded from the district website and printed.



Raffle ticket sales earn clubs points in the DG Contest. Clubs should send ticket stubs and monies collected to cabinet treasurer Rick Wooddell, PO Box 176, Green Bank, WV 24944 no later than October 31, 2014.



Protocol

By PID Steve Glass
MD-29 Protocol Chairperson

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines protocol as a code of diplomatic or military etiquette. In Lions parlance we define protocol as a code of correct etiquette or manners and method to maintain decorum and tradition. It is the acceptable procedure and order in all club meetings, so that when expanded for special occasions, guest speakers and visitors will be treated with proper respect and courtesy.

Protocol and courtesy go hand in hand. Courtesy, being a favor performed with politeness, is always in order. Guests always appreciate it, and new members who are made welcome, will feel comfortable and part of the club at once. Because we are part of the world's largest and most active serve clubs organization, we should be concerned about protocol and observe it at all times.

The first and most obvious way that the person conducting a club, district, or multiple district meeting can effectively observe protocol is to use a well-planned agenda. Another practice that the presiding officer can utilize is to limit debate on discussion items to a reasonable number speaking in favor of or against a motion. There is no rule that says discussion and debate must continue endlessly.



Here are some practical Do's and Don't's in Lions protocol:

DO have a speaker's stand with sufficient lighting.

DO try to have a public address system in working order.

DO introduce and welcome all guests.

DO plan the seating arrangements of the head table prior to the start of the meeting.

DO use place cards or name plates at the head table or reserved tables.

DO schedule a time table for your program and try your best to stick to it.

DO have an American flag at the right end of the head table if possible.

DON'T use the speaker's time with your introduction. A one to two minute introduction is sufficient.

DON'T try to review or paraphrase the speaker's talk after she/he has finished. Thank them and make a remark about one point to show that you were listening.

Remember, good protocol is a reflection on you and your club or district. It is a direct reflection upon your leadership. It might well be why a member becomes an involved member of your club or leaves for other opportunities.



Scenes from Toronto



News Notes

- District 29-O is sponsoring a Leadership Training class on Sept. 13 at the Golden Corral in Cross Lanes at 9:30am. 29N clubs are invited to send members. Call 29-O VDG Duane White by Sept. 10 at 304-768-1177 or 304 552-5615 for reservations & details.
- District 29N Cabinet meetings are scheduled for November 8, March 7, and June 15 at Pipestem, Crab Orchard, and Summersville respectively. See the webpage calendar for locations and updates.



Lions Club International Foundation Report

by MD Chair Connie Dorscheid

I attended the LCIF meeting while at the International Convention in Toronto and, among other things, I learned that the percentage of clubs donating to the Foundation is amazingly low. Hopefully, we can turn that around in WV this year and have every club donate something to our Foundation. WV has benefitted over and over again with funds from LCIF and it makes sense to give back. There is always a need for donations. The recent earthquake in China is an example. I also learned that only 4% of individual Lions contribute to LCIF. Hopefully, this number in WV can increase this year. Money you personally contribute can go toward a Melvin Jones Fellow. LCIF is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization, as described in Section

501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, so donations to the LCIF are tax deductible, as allowed under the IRS code.

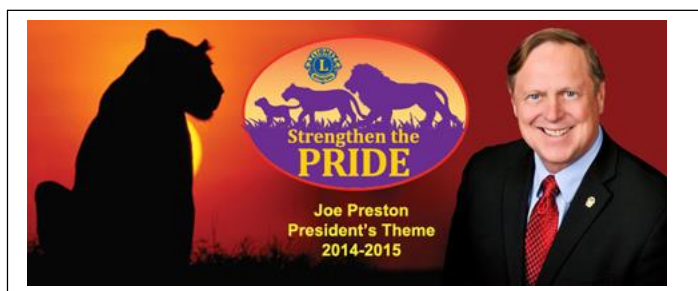
The four LCIF coordinators in the districts are: L- PDG Harry Schramm, I- PDG Glenn Ryburn, O- PDG Jim McMillon, and N- PDG Dick Brockway. Any of them can answer any questions you may have about donations, LCIF programs, etc.

I will be attending the LCIF annual meeting in Baltimore, MD on August 23rd and will have a report for the next newsletter.

Additional information about LCIF is available on their website:

<http://www.lcif.org/EN/index.php>

New International President Joe Preston



Joseph "Joe" Preston, of Dewey, Arizona, was elected president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 97th International Convention held in Toronto, Canada, July 4 through 8, 2014.

A member of the Bradshaw Mountain of Dewey-Humboldt Lions Club, President Preston has been a Lion since 1974. He and his wife, Joni, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons, one daughter and seven grandsons.

President Preston's theme is *Strengthen the Pride* and he says:

We can "Strengthen the Pride" by bringing the full Lion's family closer together, working in a spirit of cooperation and understanding, with each Lion member doing their share. And we can "Strengthen the Pride" through our many meaningful accomplishments.

More information about President Preston and his plans can be found on the LCI website:
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/presidents-theme.php>



State Fair Vision Screening

August 8–12 saw a long-standing WV State Fair tradition carried forward by District 29N Lions. The West Virginia Lions Sight Conversation Foundation (WVLSCF) vision screening truck, staffed by 29N Lions, has been present at the Fair for many years and 2014 was no exception. WVLSCF provides funding to support this endeavor and Union Lions Club members Sue Via and Randy Hagerman handle much of the organization required. Preliminary results are in:

Fifty-seven Lions from seven clubs worked a total of 330 Lion-hours over five days at the Fair. During that time, 906 individuals were screened,

685 adults and 221 youths age 10 and under. Of these, 81 adults and 32 youths were referred to their eye-care professionals for further examination based on screening results.

Despite cool and rainy weather that probably reduced the Fair attendance, the week was a real success, and is a great example of the important community services Lions provide year-in and year-out, doing the work to *Strengthen the Pride*.

Clubs whose members worked at the Fair vision screening were: Crab Orchard–Macarthur, Durbin, Hinton, Lewisburg, Marlinton, Union, and White Sulphur Springs. We hope to have a more complete report on the State Fair and vision screening for the next newsletter issue.



The WVLSCF truck provided a welcome dry location for screenings.



Free screening for glaucoma and visual acuity was quick and easy using the modern equipment belonging to District 29.



Editor's Notes

by Roger Norrod, Editor



As the Lion's Tale editor for 2014–2015, I hope all 29N Lions find this first issue interesting and useful. As the year goes along, I'm sure the process of gathering materials and putting together the newsletter will get smoother, and hopefully later issues will be even better. I invite all clubs to send in announcements, news items, and photos of the year's activities to share with the entire district. Materials can be sent by email to rnorrod@frontiernet.net or by US Mail (my address is the return address just below). I can also be contacted by telephone at (304)456–3231.

My second role for 29N is as the Webmaster, which is just a fancy way of saying I try to keep the webpage useful for all 29N Lions who have access to a computer. I encourage you to check out our webpage at:

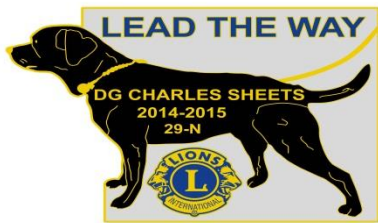
<http://e-district.org/sites/29n/>

Some of the materials that appear in the newsletter will also be on the webpage, but sooner. You can also download and print forms, view the calendar of important dates, locate contact information for 29N officers, and find links to other Lion webpages like LCI and Multi-District 29.

Here's to a great year for DG Charlie and the entire of District 29N!

Roger Norrod
208 Markwood Gum Rd.
Arbovale, WV 24915





DISTRICT 29-N CONFERENCE
PIPESTEM STATE PARK
NOVEMBER 7-9, 2014

For reservations, call: 304-466-1800 – (Lions Rates)

Cost of rooms: \$57.00/room released after October 7, 2014

Registration: \$55/ per person before October 7 – After October 7, Registration \$60

Registration fee includes the Saturday Lunch and Saturday Banquet.

If attending the Saturday Banquet only, \$30/per person. If attending Saturday Lunch only - \$15/per person.
(Cabinet members free)

Please remember to bring;

Eyeglasses, hearing aids, door prizes, silent auction items, Parade of Checks, One bushel basket of non-perishable food items for Summers County Food pantry.

29N Conference Registration Form

Send Checks made out to: **Lions District 29-N Conference**

Lion Rick Wooddell

PO Box 176, Green Bank , WV 24944

email: rwtwo54@frontiernet.net

Name _____ Club _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Address _____

Town, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Registration of \$55(or \$60) X _____ people = _____

Luncheon Only, \$15 X people = _____ Banquet Only, \$30 X People _____

Date _____ TOTAL enclosed _____

Sponsoring Club: DURBIN LIONS CLUB

WV Quilt Hand Made by:

Dorothy Hensen



Name_____

Phone_____

West Virginia Quilt Hand Made by Dorothy Hensen

\$1 per Chance or 6 Chances for \$5

Proceeds go to:

WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation

Drawing at District 29-N Fall Conference

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