



## Newsletter for Lions District 29-C

August 2019



I would like to sincerely thank everyone for their support and efforts to help me in my Lion journey as I start this year as the District Governor for MD29C.

The International Convention in Milan was phenomenal and exciting. I was especially impressed with the way our connected youth were represented and celebrated, which included Leo representation on the Board, highlighting the Peace Poster artist, a young blind singer performed amazingly, and Leo projects were highlighted. The emphases on collaboration and utilization of technology were emphasized by the keynote speakers which included past Prime Minister Tony Blair and Piccard who led the team that flew the first airplane that required no fuel around the world to bring awareness to climate change and expand our minds to consider what may be possible in the future. The International Parade was awesome with amazing views of the city of Milan along the route with over 200 countries represented in grand fashion. I will forever be grateful for the experience

Upon my return I had the pleasure of attending the first COG meeting of the year and I am excited to say that this group is interested in searching for ways to create efficiency and productivity over the next year. I also had the privilege to attend the Logan Lions award meeting and induct 6 new members, they are growing in Logan and you can feel the energy! In that light, I would like ask all of 29C clubs to commit to increase their membership count by at least one member this year, that will add 57 new members to 29C if we hit the mark and increase our district count by 30 over last year.

We are also beginning to plan for the District Conference to be held at Country Inn and Suites, Harper Road, in Beckley WV. The Conference will be held November 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup>, we will follow up with a conference registration form within the next few weeks, Please feel free to make your reservations with the Country Inn and Suites and let them know you are a Lion to receive the Lions room rate.

Please consider attending the Leadership Retreat in January, I will be offering 3 paid registrations for first timers to be given out on a first come first serve basis. Registration forms will be circulated with the next newsletter.

I would like for all members to consider what solutions they may have to increasing diversity in our clubs and I would like those suggestions to move upward from the club President's to the Zone Chairs and I will utilize those suggestions to develop a strategic plan for increasing diversity and membership in District 29C. I truly believe our members have the solutions, we just need to expose them.

Thanks,

District Governor Gary Boyd



**THIS IS AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL LIONS MEMBERS AND CLUBS**

AT THE ALUM CREEK LIONS MEETING ON MONDAY JULY 15, 2019, I MADE A PROPOSAL THAT WE CHANGE OUR WAY OF REMEMBERING THE MEMBERS OF OUR DISTRICT THAT HAVE PASSED FROM THIS LIFE.

MY PROPOSAL WAS THIS: WHEN A LION MEMBER PASSES WHETHER OR NOT HE OR SHE IS A MEMBER OF OUR CLUB = INSTEAD OF SENDING FLOWERS = WHICH ARE EXPENSIVE = THAT OUR CLUB SHOULD HONOR THAT PERSON'S MEMORY BY DONATING A PARTICULAR AMOUNT OF MONEY TO A SERVICE PROJECT WITHIN "OUR DISTRICT".

I ASK THAT THE ALUM CREEK LIONS CLUB DONATE THE SUM OF \$52.00 TO THE DIABETES AWARENESS PROGRAM IN THE NAME OF LION BOB ANDERSON = LION BOB WAS A 52 YEAR MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CHARLESTON LIONS CLUB. THIS WOULD EQUAL ONE DOLLAR FOR EACH YEAR HE WAS A LION. DURING HIS LIFETIME HE DONATED HIS TIME AND EFFORT NOT ONLY TO THE SOUTH CHARLESTON LIONS CLUB BUT ALSO TO THE COMMUNITY OF SOUTH CHARLESTON TO BRING INTEREST TO THEIR LITTLE CITY.

I ALSO SUGGESTED THAT WHEN SOMEONE PASSES ANY MEMBER OF YOUR LIONS CLUB CAN REQUEST THE SAME ACTION AND MAKE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT IS REASONABLE FOR YOUR INDIVIDUAL CLUB. ALSO, THIS MONEY CAN BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE AS LONG AS IT IS FOR A SERVICE PROJECT THAT WILL BENEFIT YOUR AREA. MY IDEA IS TO KEEP THE MONEY DONATED WITHIN OUR DISTRICT THAT WE LIVE AND SERVE.

THIS PROPOSAL WAS ACCEPTED WITH AN OVERWHELMING APPROVAL VOTE. I THINK THIS ACTION WILL HELP OUR DISTRICT AND ALSO REMEMBER A LION THAT WAS LOVED AND RESPECTED.

WE HAVE ALREADY PLACED A "LITTLE LIBRARY" BOOK BOX AT THE ALUM CREEK LIONS CLUB IN MEMORY OF RAE ATKINS (A LONG TIME MEMBER, HE HELPED THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GET BOOKS) AND ALSO WE ARE INSTALLING A PARK BENCH AT THE ENTRANCE OF OUR CLUB IN MEMORY OF MARK MCCLURE.

WHENEVER YOU TAKE THIS ACTION SEND A LETTER TO THE FAMILY OF TELL THEM WHAT YOUR COURSE OF ACTION WAS. I KNOW THEY WILL BE VERY APPRECIATIVE. THIS GESTURE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE DOLLARS BUT DO SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU APPRECIATED THEIR WORK AS A LION. I THANK YOU FOR WHATEVER EFFORT YOU PUT TOWARDS THIS SUGGESTION.

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## Lions Protocol

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What is Protocol? In short, it is a code of correct etiquette or manners. Why is it important? It helps a presiding officer or committee maintain decorum and respect during a meeting. Supplementing protocol is another great tool: *Robert's Rule of Order*, which governs the conduct of business meetings as ideas and suggestions move along a path to becoming the policy of the governing body. Every presiding officer at every meeting should develop a solid working knowledge of **Robert's Rules of Order**.

For now, I want to focus on proper protocol when the district governor is visiting your club since many of you are scheduling district governor visits at this time. Here are some practical tips to help you:

1. **Do not have any other business during the district governor's visit.** At this meeting the district governor is the program.
2. Have a member, preferably a past president, meet the district governor and host the district governor until dinner, making sure that the district governor has an opportunity to meet as many club members as possible.
3. Be sure the district governor is seated at the head table next to the club president, and that it is determined in advance who will formally introduce the district governor, i.e. zone chairperson, vice district governor, cabinet secretary, etc. If accompanied by a spouse, the spouse joins the district governor at the head table, but never on the end!
4. The district governor should never be introduced at any time other than when they are ready to speak.
5. When the district governor is introduced, those present should stand and applaud.
6. District officers are usually treated as guests of the club.
7. **It is never considered good taste to interrupt and fine the district governor.**
8. The district governor often would like to meet briefly with club board of directors so allow time for that if requested, and feel free to discuss club problems or issues with the district governor or district leadership team members present.

Until next time, thank you for your leadership and service! Remember, according to the overwhelming majority of former Lions who gave exit interviews, long, boring, and unproductive meetings are the top reasons they left. You have an opportunity to change that through observing proper protocol and adhering to *Robert's Rules of Order* in conducting your club's business!

## Lions out and About....

Oak Hill Lions will be participating on the Oak Leaf Festival on August 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information about the even you can follow this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/OakLeafFestival/?fref=ts>



Picture of Past District Governor Charolette Henson at Past District Governor Luncheon at Mt. Hope.



Pictures from the Alum Creek Car Show and Pig Roast.

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