



# DISTRICT 29-C NEWS

## THE 2019 LCI CONVENTION IS THE PLACE TO BE!

*By PCC Al Cox, MD-29 International Convention Chairperson*

Lions Clubs International is planning a memorable celebration of Lions, for Lions, in Milan, Italy. Milan is a forward looking, modern, cosmopolitan city and the



second largest in Italy. It is the home of Italy’s most important business organizations and is known as a leading European financial center. The city is the capital of fashion, design and creativity. Milan dates back to the Roman era and a center of activity during the Renaissance. You can walk the streets that Leonardo da Vinci once walked, and you climb to the top of one of the largest cathedrals in the world. Milan boasts cultural gems such as Leonardo da Vinci’s painting of “The Last Supper”, the Duomo

Cathedral, and the world famous La Scala Opera House.

As the day comes to a close, have an *aperitivo* at a sidewalk café. This ritual is without a doubt one of the most fun food experiences you can try in Italy. It consists of a pre-dinner drink accompanied by some salty snacks and, of course, friends to chat with. From 6 to 9 pm, cafés across Italy fill until they overflow into adjacent piazzas with people partaking in this sacred custom. It’s an integral part of the Italian experience and Americans are beginning to catch on.

During the convention, you will have the chance to join Lions from more than 120 countries and geographical areas – with different languages and backgrounds – marching side-by-side down the streets of Milan during the Parade of



Nations. Attend seminars and vote on the association’s future. And enjoy event highlights, including the spectacular international show, three action-packed plenary sessions, an exciting exhibit hall and more.

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The early registration deadline is fast approaching. The fee through January 11<sup>th</sup> is \$150. From January 12<sup>th</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> the regular registration fee is \$200 and April 1<sup>st</sup> through onsite registration, the fee is \$225. **I need to get a head count, so if you are planning on attending, please let me know by phone at 304-216-5251 or email at anewtc2@ aol.com.**

Come participate in the 102<sup>nd</sup> International Convention and enjoy what Milan has to offer, delicious food, rich history and high-end fashion. To get more info, and to register on-line, go to <http://lcon.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>.

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## District Governor's Update

*(DG Charolette Henson)*



Looking out the window this morning, I realize winter is finally here! Snow! As the year comes to an end, and a new one begins, it is time to help those that are in need; the hungry, the homeless, and those that are alone this holiday.

Let's end the year with a bang by helping with food drives and coat drives for children in need. How about a sock drive? Collect socks, then contact the schools in your area and see where they are needed.

Blankets, sweaters, coats, gloves, and hats are all things you can collect for the needy and homeless.

One group, that is often forgotten, is the elderly that are alone. How about sending them a card, or stopping by to wish them a Merry Christmas?

It is also a good time to remember

fellow Lions, those that are no longer with us, as well as their families. Remember those that have given so much. Those that have made it possible for the clubs to be here today, so that we may help others.

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As the new year starts, it is time to make plans for things you can do to help your community. Winter, and the cold weather, provides opportunities to plan projects that help your community. How about a winter dinner for the community of hot soup and grilled cheese sandwiches? There are always things we can do to help in our communities. Inviting the community to a winter dinner is a good way to let them know what we are doing, and also provides an opportunity to invite them to a meeting or a community project.

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### Bell Ringing for Salvation Army

Lions of District 29C are being asked to participate in bell ringing on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

This is being organized by PDG Eddie Queen. For more information contact him at 304-415-5306.

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## Redneck Dinner

The 37th Annual Redneck Dinner will be held on December 27<sup>th</sup> (6:00 pm), at the Golden Corral in Cross Lanes.

The Redneck Dinner is an event that was started by Lions so they, and their friends, can get together to have an enjoyable evening of fun, food, and fellowship. Everyone is welcome! Come join us and invite your friends as well.

For additional information on the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Redneck Dinner, contact PDG Eddie Queen at 304-415-5306, or DG Charolette Henson at 304-951-9022.

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## 2017-18 Club Excellence Awards

Congratulations to the Gassaway Lions Club (Lion President Randy Foster) and the South Charleston Lions Club (Past President Duane White), for achieving the Club Excellence Award last term. These awards will be presented as I visit the clubs.

Hopefully we will have more clubs applying for the award this year. I will send out copies of the application and

more information after the first of the year.



As the first half of my year comes to an end, I want to thank the many Lions that have helped me to ensure that the district is doing more. I would also like to thank those that are letting the people in their communities know what Lions can do to help them.

May God Bless you all this holiday season.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

DG Charolette Henson  
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## Vice-District Governor's Note



FVDG Gary Boyd

Happy Holidays!!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! I will take this opportunity wish all a blessed Christmas!

I had the opportunity to visit the Kanawha City Lions Craft Show and it was awesome, lots of great artisans and treats. This is one of the most efficiently well ran craft shows that I have ever attended, hats off to the KC lions. I also had the opportunity to visit with the Sissonville Lions Club and they were in the process of planning their annual Christmas tree fund raising project, if you need a tree stop by the lot in Sissonville and support their cause. This Saturday I will be ringing the Salvation Army bells at the local Walmart with my fellow Alum Creek Lions. Please carry the spirit of giving and caring with you through the holiday season and beyond.

Best to all of you and your families,

*Gary Boyd*

FVDG District 29-C

### Editor's Note

I apologize for the lateness of the newsletter. I haven't had much free time lately to work on it.

Please continue to send newsletter submissions, new ideas, and anything else you would like to see in the newsletter.

Lion Mike Fleshman

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## FEATURED CLUBS

### Durbin Lions Club

In October the Durbin Lions sold pumpkins, raised by members Rick Wooddell and Charles Sheets, to benefit a young man in our community that was seriously injured in an auto/truck accident. The injuries were so severe that they required multiple surgeries to his arm, legs, shoulder and ankle, and extensive rehabilitation to follow. Miraculously, the week the lions began selling pumpkins, the victim began walking and was present to assist in the sale. A total of \$530.00 from the pumpkin sale was given to the victim.



*(Pumpkin Growers - Rick Wooddell and Charles Sheets)*



*(Durbin Lions and accident recipient selling pumpkins)*



*(Pumpkin patch with foreman, CC "Durbin")*



*(Future Lion inspecting pumpkins (grandson of Lion John Wayne))*





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## KANAWHA CITY LIONS SPONSORS PEACE POSTER CONTEST

The Kanawha City Lions sponsored a Peace Poster Contest at Horace Mann Middle School as part of a promotion of Lions Clubs International for the theme of “Kindness Matters”.

Angela Magee, a 6th grade student at Horace Mann School won 1st place and was awarded a prize of \$100.00. In second place, Jessi Lin was awarded \$50.00 and in third place, Maggie Rose was awarded \$25.00

These posters are among thousands of entries submitted worldwide in the 29th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Out of 200 posters created by students at Horace Mann, the winners’ entries best portrayed this year’s theme. Lion Jim Slamick, Peace Poster Chairman, presented the winning students with Certificates of Achievement.

After reviewing the Peace Posters, Lions Club President Shirley Denham said she was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students’ entries.

“It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I’m so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions.” Mary Gilkerson, Art Teacher at Horace Mann Middle School was very pleased by the students’ hard work and expressions.

The local winners’ posters will now advance to round two at the district competition in the Kanawha Valley where their posters will compete against entries from many other schools



in the area. Their entries will face stiff competition through the district round, and in three more rounds of the International contest. One international grand prize winner will receive a trip to a special award ceremony, with two family members, at Lions Day with the United Nations. During the ceremony, the winning artist will receive an engraved plaque and a cash prize of US\$5,000.00. There will also be 23 merit winners that will receive a cash award of \$500 and a certificate of achievement. During the last 27 years, more than four million children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest.





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## Mark Your Calendars!

**December 18<sup>th</sup>**... Clay Lions Club DG visit

**December 27<sup>th</sup>**... Redneck Dinner / Golden Corral, Cross Lanes (6PM)

**January 1<sup>st</sup>**... New Years Breakfast / Alum Creek Community Center (8AM)

**January 15<sup>th</sup>**... Kanawha City Lions Club DG visit (6PM)

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>**... South Charleston Lions Club DG visit

**January 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>** ... West Virginia Lions Leadership Retreat / Flatwoods

**January 27<sup>th</sup>**... WV Sight Foundation, MD-29 PDG & Council Meetings

**February 4<sup>th</sup>**... Athens Lions Club DG visit (6PM)

**February 14<sup>th</sup>**... Ft Gay Lions Club DG visit (6:30PM)

**March 12<sup>th</sup>**... Lewisburg Lions Club DG visit

**March 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>**... District L Conference / Wheeling

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>**... State Convention / Flatwoods

**July 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>**... Lions Clubs International Convention / Milan, Italy

If you haven't done so yet, please contact DG Charolette Henson to schedule her visit to your club!







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## Youth Exchange



My exchange program in the USA

Ladies and Gentlemen, and dear Lions Club Team,

Thank you again for this great exchange program, I had a great time in the USA.

I lived with a host family. To this host family belonged Henry and Lorrie Krautwurst and of course their dog Elvis. From day one, the three of us were very sympathetic. I could trust Elvis to feed him every morning and evening. For this he had to make room on his waiting carpet until I told him: "go get it".

This brought me the family and so I quickly won Elvis his trust. Every morning there was a great American breakfast and for lunch or dinner we mostly dined in many different restaurants.

I experienced many new things. For example, Henry and Lorrie talked to anyone who came across him. Whether in the supermarket or another driver who stands next to one at the traffic light. Which was really funny at first. They explained to me that they were completely different than here in Germany. It was something different but over time I really enjoyed talking to other people just like that. Incidentally, my English skills also totally improved.

But let's come to a few experiences. I was in a huge chicken factory where I was not allowed to see everything but it was really interesting how it all happens in the USA. We got Chicken for a party on the 4th of July. At this party, I helped sell food, saw an auction, and met lots of new people. I saw a huge fireworks since July 4th is a holiday in the USA. I could never have imagined how big the fireworks were. Quite different than in Germany.

Henry also showed me West Virginia, but we drove through the West Virginia wilderness with his small ATV (which was open and had no doors or windows). Elvis was always there and sat in my lap.





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Every Friday we went to "Story Time". Here you have children a little joy. They danced and sang with them, read them a book, and at the end they even got a little something to eat, such as the ice cream banana split. Where the Lions Club is very generous and even paid the children a cuddly toy, which was shown in a book. I had not seen so many happy children for a long time. I was also in Washington D.C. There I was at the White House, in an art museum and in some museums about Abraham Lincoln. It was really interesting to hear so much about American history.

Every Sunday we went to church in the morning and this was very exciting to see how it all happens in the US. After each service, there was a kind of feast. Everyone brought something to eat with and there was a huge buffet.

The family and I used to go out with Elvis very often, where I also saw some amazing things in nature. I met another very great person named Danielle. We got along so well and even now write regularly at What's app. Among them I met other exchange students named Vincent, Baptiste and Bree. The guys came from France. I was mountain rafting and sip-lining with her and the other exchange students.

With my host family and the exchange student Bree we drove also to a riding rental where we rode with horses up to Seneca Rocks. Later we even had to climb what Bree and I had a lot of fun. Since the family knew how much I loved nature, we were also on other mountains.

I was at various Lions club events and even saw a real baseball game. It was such a great time otherwise you cannot describe it. Henry and Lorrie have tried to fulfill every wish I had. No matter if I wanted to go to Starbucks, the Hard Rock Cafe or go shopping in the mall for 5 hours. The two were really so awesome that there are no words.

I wish everyone that he lands with these great people. I hope I could get some insight with my report and convey my experiences as far as possible. I was really happy about it.

Many thanks again to the Lions Club

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*(This essay, purposefully unedited, was written by Anika Gahren from Salzgitter, Germany. Anika was hosted by Lions Henry & Lorrie Krautwurst.)*





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## 2019 Lions of WV Leadership Retreat

The Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat, to be held January 25-26, 2019, at the Days Inn in Flatwoods, will feature three outstanding and dynamic female speakers.

Beth Slade is the Director of Lions Engagement for Leader Dogs for the Blind, in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Beth has been with Leader Dogs for the Blind for five years, and in her current position focuses on the legacy of Lions involvement with Leader Dog, which was founded by local Michigan Lions in 1939. Beth will also present a seminar entitled "Harness the power of leadership."

BethAnn Telford, a Pennsylvania native and current resident of Virginia, is an endurance athlete and brain cancer survivor and has dedicated herself to raising awareness of brain cancer and to finding a cure. She is an inspirational speaker and has been featured in many articles, books, news stories and a Discovery program documentary. In addition to completing multiple marathons and Ironman competitions, she competed in the World Marathon Challenge in 2017, which consists of running 7 marathons, in 7 days on 7 continents. BethAnn is also an honorary Lion!

Past International Director Joyce Middleton of Bridgewater, Massachusetts completed a two-year term on the international board in 2018. PID Middleton and her husband Lion Martin are Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows and their son and daughter are also Lions. PID Joyce is now serving as Constitutional Area One Chairperson for the New Voices Initiative, a new program created by International President Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir. The New Voices initiative celebrates the impact women Lions make every day and promotes gender parity by focusing on increasing the number of women in Lions clubs as well as closing the gap between men and women in leadership positions. Both PID Joyce and Lion Martin will present seminars at the Leadership Retreat, and you will not want to miss either one.

PDG Linda Leasure





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## Scholarship Application for First Time Attendees of the WV Lions Leadership Retreat

*Sponsored by the West Virginia Past District Governors Association*

Note: One registration per district, \$100.00 each, will be awarded. This amount covers **registration**, meals and classes (not lodging) at Days Inn, Flatwoods, WV; January 25-26, 2019; \$75.00 Registration for Saturday lunch and dinner, if cannot attend Friday evening.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate below when you joined Lions; why you are interested in attending Lions Leadership Retreat, club offices held; interest in pursuing higher leadership roles in your club or district; and any other pertinent information. (Answer as completely as possible using separate sheet if needed)

I hereby submit this application for a “First-Timer Scholarship” to the 2019 WV Lions Leadership Retreat at Days Inn, Flatwoods, WV, January 25-26, 2019.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline to apply: December 31, 2018**

Send/submit application to PDG Secretary, Bernice Pitcock, of the WV Past District Governors Association, 1430 Overbrook Drive, Weirton, WV, 26062 or e-mail [bpit@comcast.net](mailto:bpit@comcast.net)





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**WHAT: WEST VIRGINIA LIONS LEADERSHIP RETREAT**

**WHEN: JANUARY 25 & 26, 2019**

**WHERE: DAYS INN FLATWOODS**

**REGISTRATION: \$100 FOR BOTH DAYS  
\$75 FOR SATURDAY**

(\$100 includes dinner Friday evening, Lunch Saturday and Dinner Saturday  
\$75 Saturday lunch and dinner Saturday, plus materials for retreat)

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 18, 2019**

**ROOMS: DAYS INN FLATWOODS –CALL 866-700-7284**

**\$89.99 PER 1 or 2 PEOPLE PER ROOM**

**\$99.99 PER 3 OR 4 PER ROOM**

**BREAKFAST IS INCLUDED FOR INDIVIDUALS STAYING AT THE  
HOTEL**

**ROOM DEADLINE JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**RETREAT ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:** Seminars (including topics such as Women in Lions, officer training, computer lab for online training, fun activities for all ages, different personalities make up all clubs, you are a leader but you just don't know it, what does the LCIF really do, Why do we give to the sight foundation, etc.) silent auction, hospitality room, door prizes, keynote speakers and much more.

**THERE IS A SPECIAL CONTEST: ONE CLUB FROM EACH DISTRICT THAT SENDS THE MOST FIRST TIMERS WILL WIN \$100 FOR THEIR CLUB!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

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Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ Registration \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ # \$75 \_\_\_\_\_ #

Makes checks payable to: Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat or LWVLR  
Mail to: Lion Sue Long, P.O. Box 988, Fort Ashby, WV. 26719

