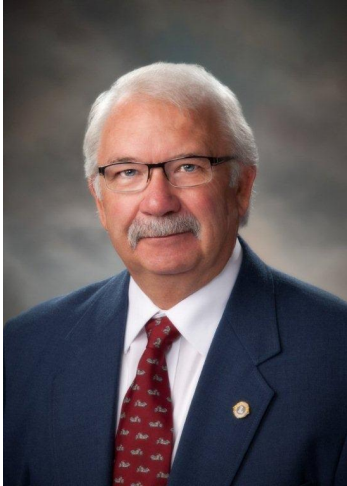


# DISTRICT 29-C NEWS



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## DG's Message

By DG Charles Biggs

Lions,

Hello Lions! We are rapidly nearing the end of my term as your District Governor. It has indeed been an honor to serve you during the past year. I thank you all for your support and assistance, and encourage all to provide the same to 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Tom Crouser who will soon begin filling his cabinet and starting his term. The DG post is a challenging and time consuming job, and could not be accomplished without the support of Lions throughout the district. Please give him your help!

I'm sure you know that the recent MD-29 redistricting has caused stresses and difficulties for Lions throughout West Virginia. It is important to remember that the reduction of districts within MD-29 was not desired by anyone within Lions, but the result of decades of declining membership. The answer is to roll up our sleeves and bring new blood into Lions! Several clubs in District 29-C are bringing in new members. Lion Dale Fitzpatrick of the Crab Orchard-MacArthur Lions has sponsored ten new members in the past year. That is indeed ***Above and Beyond!***

In closing, I want to encourage all of you to support

and attend the State and International Conventions coming up soon. More information is included in this newsletter issue, and if you have questions, feel free to contact me.

Yours in Lionism!

DG Charlie

## DG Club Visits:

I currently have no more visits scheduled, but there are a few clubs who have not yet contacted me to schedule a visit. Please do so soon! We need to set up a date!



## 1<sup>st</sup> VDG's Message --- Make a Friend & Make a Difference

By 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Tom Crouser

Hello Lions World. I'm Lion Tom Crouser and although many of us haven't met, I will work hard to change that this year. And I know that along the way, I'll make many new friends. That's because we make friends while we are busy doing something. It can be as simple as going to a school, attending church, or participating in a community project. We get around people we don't know, do something together and we find some good friends.

Somewhere along the way, many of us stop seeking out opportunities to meet new people. We do the same ole, same ole. We sit in the same chair at our club meetings, frequent the same coffee shop, or stay in the house watching television night after night. That's because, as we get older, it seems harder to make friends but it's not. If you'd like to make new friends, keep these questions in mind. I'm Tom, what's your name? Where do you live? Where did you live before that? What do you do for a living? What did you do before that?

Ask friendly questions and get to know people. The more people you know, the more friends you will have. And the more friends you have, the more



opportunities you will have to ask them to join us in doing something important for our community like participating in a Lions project or activity.

Strangers aren't good candidates for membership. But friends sure are. So, let's all make a concerted effort to increase our number of friends this year. It will not only help our clubs, but it will help us individually as well.

After all, if we don't bring people into our organization, there will be no one to continue the great work we do. And none of us want that. I can't wait to meet you. After all, we all are fellow Knights of the Blind in the Crusade Against Darkness. Hope to see you soon.

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**Contact Lion Tom Crouser at [tom@crouser.com](mailto:tom@crouser.com) or call him at (304) 541-3714. He lives at Mink Shoals, which is Exit 1 on Interstate 79, immediately north of Charleston.**

## Report New Officers to LCI

Fiscal year 2017-18 is quickly approaching! We are asking all clubs to report their new officers as soon as they have been elected. Here's why this is important:

- New officers get early access to the MyLCI site beginning April 1.
- When clubs report their officers in MyLCI, the information is immediately available to your district and to international headquarters so no extra paperwork is necessary.
- The Club Locator on the Lions' website displays their new officers.
- Timely monthly reporting by the clubs in your district will provide up to date and accurate district/multiple district membership reports

Reporting club officers is easy using MyLCI. Clubs not using MyLCI can report officers using the Club Officer Reporting Form. Mailing instructions are included on the form.



## LCI Items

### Important Dates

April 17-23 - Worldwide Week of Service to protect our planet

April 22 – Earth Day

June 1 – Helen Keller Day

June 30 - July 4 – 100<sup>th</sup> Lions International Convention



The 2017 International Convention and Lions Centennial Celebration will be June 30 – July 4, 2017 in Chicago, Illinois. Visit the LCICON website at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) !

### INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The pages of LION Magazine during the early years of Lions in the 1920s were filled with stories such as “The Purpose of Lions,” “The Meaning of Lionism” and “The Value of Lions.” A businessman’s club dedicated to service was still a novel concept, and it was as if Lions had to convince themselves that they were on the right track. The uncertainty led Lions to question whether Lions Clubs would even survive. “During my lifetime I have seen organizations formed with the highest ideals flourish for a time, then drop into comparative unimportance. Will that be the fate of Lionism? I hope not,” wrote District Governor A. Baker of Cheyenne, Wyoming, in January 1922.

But Lions stayed the course. They stuck with service. Fellowship was part of membership. But service was paramount. “Activities Make the Club” was the headline for a column in 1927 by International President Irving Camp of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. “Show me a club that simply meets and eats, and I will show you a club that has failed to respond to the call of service as invited in the very principles of our great, unselfish organization,” he wrote.

Rapidly approaching our Centennial in 2017, we now know that our forebears were right. Service is what makes a Lion. It’s what we do. It’s who we are. That has never been more evident than over the past couple of years. We set a goal to serve 100 million people by June 30, 2018. The four campaigns have been Engaging Youth, Sharing the Vision, Relieving the Hunger and Protecting the Environment.

We wondered whether we’d reach the goal because clubs typically had reported to Lions Clubs International serving 8 million people annually (but we knew the true figure was higher). I’m elated to tell you that in early September we reached our goal of serving 100 million people. Take pride in being part of an association that lives up to its amazing ideals.

Like Lions of yesteryear, we put service first. But unlike them, we are confident we will be here for a long, long time! Thank you for all you do as a Lion, and I hope to see you at the 100th International Convention in Chicago June 30-July 4, 2017.

Very truly yours,  
Chancellor Bob Corlew  
Your International President



## WV MD29 Convention

The 2017 MD 29 West Virginia State Convention will be held April 28-30, 2017 at the Lakeview Resort near Morgantown, hosted by the Cheat Lake Lions Club.

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## A Message from the State Convention Co-Chairs

We would like to invite every Lion of Multiple District 29 to attend the 2017 State Convention at Lakeview Resort on **April 28-30**. We hope you will walk away from this convention with new and innovative ideas that will empower you to return to your home clubs and inspire growth.

We would like to note just a couple of things to remember when attending this year's convention.

1. Registration is \$120 due to Lion Jordan Glass by April 15. The Registration Form is attached in this newsletter, and the Agenda is on the following page.
2. The Friday Night Entertainment will not disappoint! **Cutting Edge Dueling Pianos** showcases two live baby grand pianos that will be taking requests from all generations!
3. Please consider bringing a donation of some kind for the **Days for Girls Charity** we will be collaborating with on Saturday afternoon from 2-5pm. All are welcome to come and join in on serving this organization. Some items to consider as part of a donation are:
  - Fabric – Solid, dark or dark with patterns that do not include faces (all cotton)
  - Wash clothes – Dark, solid
  - Monetary Donations – Please put Days for Girls – South Morgantown Branch
4. Finally, come and plan to have a great time!

Thank you!

Lion Jordan Glass

PDG Jeff Baxter

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## District 29-C Breakfast at State Convention

The District 29-C Breakfast will be held on Sunday April 30, 2017 at 8:00am at the Lakeview Resort and Conference Center. The cost of the plated breakfast is \$17.00 per person. Please contact your District Cabinet Secretary PCC Paul Wheeler by April 25, 2017 to make your reservation(s).



## WV MD29 Convention Agenda

### Friday, April 28, 2016

PDG Luncheon 12pm – 1pm

PDG Association Meeting 1:15pm

WVLSCF Meeting 3:30pm

Banquet 6:30pm

All PDG's wear your blazers as we honor you this evening!

Entertainment 8pm

Cutting Edge Dueling Pianos will be taking your requests!

### Saturday, April 29, 2016

MD 29 Business Session 9:30am – 11:30am

Lunch 12pm – 1:15pm

Come listen to the MHS Jazz Band

Days for Girls Service Project  
2pm – 5 pm

All are welcome to come and see what this organization is all about and lend a helping hand in assembling bags.

A Seminar presented by our International Director Guest, Sam Lindsay - 1:45pm to 2:30pm

An Orientation Seminar that All Lions Should Hear - 2:45pm to 3:30pm

An Orientation for the Lions International Convention: Chicago 2017 Attendees 3:30pm

Strides Walk 4:15pm

ID Reception 5:45pm to 6:15pm - Come and socialize with ID Sam Lindsay and fellow Lions before the banquet

Saturday Banquet 6:15pm  
ID Sam Lindsay will address MD 29

Hospitality Room will follow the banquet. This will be sponsored by all district candidates. You are welcome to come and meet the candidates and socialize with fellow Lions!

### Sunday, April 30, 2016

District Breakfasts 8am  
\$17 for a plated breakfast. Please RSVP to your District Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer by April 25.

Necrology Ceremony - 10am

Lunch 11:45am - 1pm  
The Election Results will be announced for all District Elections. New officers will be introduced.

MD 29 Council Meeting 1:15pm

WVLSCF Meeting (immediately to follow MD 29 Council Meeting)



## WV MD29 Convention Raffle Auction

We will be having the first ever “**Raffle Auction**” at the upcoming State Convention to be held on April 28-30, 2017 at Lakeview Resort. To make this happen we are asking the assistance of **EVERY** club attending.

If each club would donate **one item**, there will be a great variety to “bid” on when you come to the State Convention. Possible ideas would be:

- ✓ A handmade craft item
- ✓ A collection of Lions trading pins
- ✓ Special piece of glassware
- ✓ Specialty or theme baskets
- ✓ Gift certificates or packages. Gift certificates would be appropriate for the way in which the raffle will be done.

It is hoped the items donated would be enticing enough that YOU will be willing to consider bidding.

Proceeds from the auction will be used to help defray the costs of the State Convention so that everyone in the multiple district will consider attending. This is a time to celebrate the year as a multiple district, as well as enjoy the fellowship of Lion friends from around the multiple district and neighboring states.

We hope you will consider this request. Please complete the form below and send it to **Lion Jordan Glass (jmglass14@gmail.com)** and let me know what type of item you or your club will donate. We look forward to hearing from you.

Lion Jordan Glass (304-203-2005)

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ITEM BEING DONATED \_\_\_\_\_

SUGGESTED STARTING BID \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_





## Zone 3 Meeting

The Southridge Pacesetters Lions Club hosted the third Zone 3 meeting on March 21, 2017 at the Ryan's Family Steakhouse at the Trace Fork shopping area. Lion PDG Jim Ryan gave the keynote presentation on Building and Maintaining a Great Lions Club. He also spoke about identifying potential club leaders and the importance of Club Elections. 1st VDG Tom Crouser was in attendance and gave a brief talk about being with your friends at Lion's service activities and meetings. All Five clubs of the Zone were in attendance at the Zone 3 meeting.

Clubs represented were the Charleston Downtown, Kanawha City, Loudendale, South Charleston and Southridge Pacesetters. Zone Chairman Lion Jim Slamick was glad to see a very good turnout of 24 Lions. Each Club gave a report of their service activities and fundraiser projects. Several clubs reported on providing eye glasses, eye exams, planning for Adopt a Highway clean up and having hot dog sales.

*Lion Jim Slamick, Zone 3 Chair*

*Brian Shirley, 1st VDG Tom Crouser, Dr. Deborah Baldwin and PDG Jim Ryan.*



*Front row: Michael "Twig" Jones and E C "Bud" Anderson.*

*Back row: Brian Shirley, Thomas Stevens, Beverly Swan, Sandy Guidroz, James Caraballo, Dr. Deborah Baldwin, Kim Zwier, 1st VDG Tom Crouser, Zone Chair Jim Slamick. Photo taken by Lisa Amoroso, 3rd VP from Kanawha City Lions.*

## Zone 9 Meeting

The Zone 9 Lions met in March for a wonderful meal at the Union Club. Thanks to the Union Lions for hosting the meeting!

As zone chair, I was very happy to hear that the four clubs present (Alderson, Lewisburg, Union and White Sulphur Springs) all are eligible for Centennial Challenge Awards. The importance of reporting this information monthly and the importance of getting the activities of the clubs known to the communities that they serve was stressed. All of our clubs do wonderful things for youth, for the hungry, for eyesight, and for the environment in many ways. Three of these clubs also have new members.

As a zone, we plan to work with all of the Greenbrier County Elementary Schools to assure that every child is screened before the end of 2017. Also, this spring, we hope to do a group project or zone social. It's great to be a Lion!

*Lion Marietta Lyall, Zone 9 Chair*

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## Club News

The LIONS motto, "WHERE THERE'S A NEED THERE'S A LION" was once again met by the Durbin Lions Club for the Green Bank Elementary Middle School in Green Bank, WV. The school has been using old wooden folding tables for special events. The old tables were heavy to carry back and forth from the storage building with holes in them and splinters and snags. Lion Linda Stewart approached Mr. Sharp, the principal, asking if the school had a need in which the Lions might help. He didn't hesitate to say they needed new six-foot folding tables. At the next Lions meeting the Durbin Lions agreed to purchase 20 new folding tables for the school. The tables were delivered on March 10th. The principal and teachers were very appreciative and are anxiously awaiting the next special occasion at the school to use them. THANK YOU, DURBIN LIONS!



*Durbin Lions with GBEMS Staff and Students  
and one of the new tables donated by the Club.*





## Lewisburg Lions Golf Tournament April 26, 2017

### 4th Annual District 29-C Inter-District Golf Challenge

The Annual Lewisburg Lions Club Golf Tournament is on Wednesday, April 26th at Lewisburg Elks C.C. with a shotgun start at 1:00 PM. Lunch will be served with lots of door-prizes after the tournament, e.g., GOLF-4-4 at The Greenbrier Resort, The Omni-Homestead Resort, and The Glade Springs Resort. The entry fee of \$250-per-team (\$62.50-per-player) can be paid at the event. A 'Combo' 2-mulligan & door-prize raffle ticket package will cost \$10 per player.

In-addition-to prizes won in the regular competition, ALL COMPETING LIONS CLUB TEAMS will vie for the 'Traveling Trophy' (see photo) awarded to winning Lions team for one year. The Athens Lions team won the 2014 inaugural event, and the Lewisburg Lions team won last year. If your club does not have enough interested players, then gather a team from your Zone, but please, the total team handicap must be 40 or more.

PLEASE, RSVP whether your club WILL or WILL-NOT participate to **Bob Powell at 304-520-4370 or [bpowell24901@gmail.com](mailto:bpowell24901@gmail.com)**, as soon as you can. I will send more email announcements.

Have questions? **Contact Ben Lewis at 304-645-7260, or Bob Powell at 304-520-4370.** We look forward to many Lions Club teams competing! ***A registration form is attached.***

Thank you,  
Bob Powell, Past-President Lewisburg Lions Club



*The Traveling Trophy presentation to the Athens Lions Club after their 2014 tournament victory.*



## Reo Update

*submitted by Lion Carolyn Sheets, Puppy Raiser*

I have been very busy the month of March. My puppy raisers have taken me lots of places....church, library, grocery store , community building. I've also been to Elkins and Fairmont, walking on the busy streets. In Fairmont I also got to walk in a big mall, mostly empty of shops but it was raining outside so we had a good walk inside. I have been doing much better about not jumping up on people when I meet them. My puppy raisers are beginning to anticipate my actions before carrying them out and thwart my jumping up before I can do it.

I went to the Court House in Marlinton and got to walk through the halls and did very well, until.....I saw a cute little girl and wanted to play with her. Puppy raiser Carolyn was sitting on a bench and I was beside her on the floor when the little girl and her grandmother walked very close to us. They were heading for the outside door and I knew I'd better do something quickly or they would be gone and I wouldn't see the little girl again. I used all my strength and pushed out from under Carolyn's legs and ran and pulled very hard and Carolyn had to let go of the leash. I ran to the little girl before she got out the door and started licking her face and tried to hug her and play with her. She smiled and wasn't scared of me but I could have knocked her down and hurt her. A few days after that incident puppy raiser has had me wear an "Easy Walker" harness to which the leash hooks under my chin. I can't pull away from her with that thing on and she uses it all the time. I weigh 80 lbs. now and am very strong. Leader Dog School in MI, wants us to walk with just the leash. Soon, I should be walking without the harness and not pulling. If I see a bird though, I'm going to see if I can catch one before it gets into the air.

I had a wonderful day yesterday. Durbin and I love to run in the woods free of leashes. Durbin found another deer leg and it really had a sweet



*Dirty Reo*

rotten odor. Durbin sniffed it out before I did so he got it and I knew better than to try to take it from him. It rained a couple days before and I found two of the best mud puddles I have ever wallowed in. Ahhh, it felt so nice and cool. I wasn't blond anymore but a dirty brunette. It was one of the best wallows I ever had. Durbin and I both got a soapy bath when we got back home and before our supper.

My Puppy Raisers are taking me to Pittsburgh Saturday morning to meet with my Puppy Counselor. They will take me downtown among heavy traffic and lots of people. I will go to Pittsburgh three more times; once to ride on a bus, once on a train and to an airport to get in an airplane but not go up. My time is getting short with my puppy raisers. I will go back to Rochester Hills June 22, to be professionally trained to be a Leader Dog. Durbin told me, "If you don't want to be a Leader Dog and want to stay here, just don't work and don't do what the trainers ask of you." Hmmmm.....I'll think about that. I sure do love to be with Durbin and my puppy raisers, but, I also like the structure of training sessions during the day. I think my own mama and papa would want me to be a Leader Dog for the Blind. We'll see.

Talk with you next month.

*Reo, Future Leader Dog*



**LEADER DOGS**  
FOR THE BLIND

**Volunteer to Host a Female Breeding Stock Dog in your home**

*Enjoy puppies for the first six weeks of their life!*

The future of our guide dog program depends in large part on volunteer families who provide foster homes for breeding stock moms and dads for the life of the dog.

Leader Dogs for the Blind is in urgent need of loving volunteer families to host a breeding stock mom. This multi-year commitment includes the wonderful experience of whelping (birthing) puppies in your home.

**Hosting a breeding stock dog is a heart-warming, fun and sometimes time-consuming commitment.**

**Things to Consider**

- No experience necessary. The Leader Dog breeding department is here to guide you through whelping.
- Free veterinary care and complimentary boarding when you go on vacation (during the breeding life of the dog).
- Expand your social network with other breeding host homes and puppy raisers (quarterly educational meetings offered).
- Breeding stock hosts must live within an eight hour drive of Rochester Hills, Michigan.
- Breeding stock dogs do not have access rights and cannot be taken into public businesses, onto transportation, etc.
- Most Leader Dog moms are retired at four years of age. Upon retirement, host homes can adopt their breeding stock dog so that they are with you throughout their lifetime!

**For more information**  
Call **Samantha Ziegenmeyer** at 248/650.7110 ext. 1140  
or apply online at [leaderdog.org/volunteers](http://leaderdog.org/volunteers)

## Club News

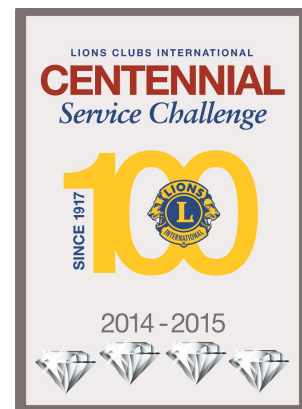
*At a recent Durbin Lion's meeting certificates for membership and sponsorship were presented. They were received by (from left) new Lion Murrel Mullenax, his sponsor Kenny Vance, new Lion Susan Streisel who was also sponsored by Lion Kenny, new Lion Dave Curry, and his sponsor Suzanne Stewart.*





## Club News

*On March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Gary Lions sold hot dogs and other goodies in front of GOODSONS Supermarket in Welch. This was our first time doing a sale of this nature. Lion Jim Hird was photographer. Snicker Doodles were made by Lion Bonnie Hird. Other help came from Lion Hondo Sadler and other club members giving support. About 240 Dogs were sold, along with Snicker Doodles, Muffins, Brownies, and numerous cookies. At right, Lions Ken Valko, Pat Price and Pris Valko serve up smiles along with the delicious food!*



# Multiple District 29 State Convention Registration Form

Lakeview Resort and Conference Center  
Cheat Lake, Morgantown, WV  
April 28-30, 2017  
Registration: \$120



Hotel Rooms: \$99 plus 19% tax

Please make room reservations directly with Lakeview Resort at (304) 594 ó 1111  
by April 3, 2017.

*Make sure to say you are with the Lions for the special rate.*

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

Additional Guest or Lion: \_\_\_\_\_

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

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: L C I First Timer: Y N

Meal Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ **Deadline to register is April 15, 2017.**

Make checks payable to MD 29 State Convention. PayPal option is available. Contact Lion Jordan for additional information.

Please mail completed registration to:  
Lion Jordan Glass  
127 Ashley Oaks  
Morgantown, WV 26505

If you have any questions please call 304-203-2005 or email [jmglass14@gmail.com](mailto:jmglass14@gmail.com).







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**ANNUAL LEWISBURG LIONS CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**TO SUPPORT ALL TYPES OF EYE CARE NEEDS OF LEWISBURG**  
**AREA RESIDENTS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$400 • 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$250**

**3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> - Golf For 4**

**4-Person-Team Captain's Choice - \$250 Per Team**  
**(\$300 Per Team on April 26<sup>th</sup>)**

**\$100 Hole Sponsorships, Door Prizes & Cash Donations Accepted**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Lewisburg Lions Club, P.O. Box 1215,**  
**Lewisburg, WV 24901**

**CONTACT: Lion Ben Lewis at 304-645-7260 or**  
**[bpmlewis3@yahoo.com](mailto:bpmlewis3@yahoo.com)**

• WHEN •

**SHOTGUN-START, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26TH, 1:00 PM**  
**LUNCH AT NOON**

• WHERE •

**LEWISBURG ELKS COUNTRY CLUB AT 304-645-3660**