

#### **District Governor's Discourse**



DG Charolette Henson

August has been an exciting month for the Lions in District 29C!

We had the honor of having International 1st Vice President Choi as our guest. Our District hosted a reception for him and his wife on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all the Lions who attended. A special "Thank you" goes out to PID Robert Browning for hosting 1st VP Choi.

Due to eye surgeries this month, I didn't get to visit as many clubs as I would have liked. However, I did enjoy the few visits I was able to make. Thank you to each club for the warm receptions. If you haven't booked your DG visit, please do so soon. I would like to visit as many clubs as can by January 1<sup>st</sup>, so we have the time to work together on any problems that you may have.

Lots of exciting things coming up this month. I hope everyone is getting started on membership. Remember to enter your new members into MyLCI.

I need your help as Lions, and as Clubs. I would like to hear from you as to what you want to see the district cabinet do this year. Remember, we are here to serve you, and unless you tell us what you need help with we won't know.

We have a very good opportunity this year to attend the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Columbus, Ohio, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Think about going at least one day. It is a great chance to meet Lions from everywhere and to learn about new things.

Fall conference is coming up November  $2^{\text{nd}}-4^{\text{th}}$ .

Please have your club secretary to check to ensure your email addresses are in MyLCI. If yours is not there, then have them add it. That is the way almost everything is being sent out to members now. If your secretary cannot do it, then send your email address to me and I will make sure it gets entered into MyLCI for you.

Remember to invite someone to go to your Lions Club meeting with you. This is best way to get new members.

DG Charolette Henson LCI District 29-C charlions29o@yahoo.com





#### **Mark Your Calendars!**

September 8<sup>th</sup> ... South Charleston Mound Festival/ South Charleston

September 10<sup>th</sup> ... Zone 4 meeting/ Chapmanville Giovanni's 6:00PM

September 11<sup>th</sup> ... Zone 5 meeting/ Glasgow Methodist Church 6:30PM

September 15<sup>th</sup> ... Special District Cabinet Meeting/ Alum Creek Lions Club

September 15<sup>th</sup> ... DG visit to Montgomery Lions Club

September 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> ... USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum/ Columbus, Ohio

October 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> ... District I Conference/ Shepherdstown, WV

October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> ... Putnam County 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Eye Screening

November 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> ... District 29-C Fall Conference

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

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

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#### **Vice-District Governors' Addendums**

1<sup>st</sup> VDG Keyota Jarvis



Dear Lions of District 29C,

It was with deep regret that I stepped down as First Vice District Governor, for the period of 2018/2019, due to the recent health issues affecting my husband.

Don suffered a stroke on July 12<sup>th</sup> and was hospitalized for a week. He is now facing heart valve replacement surgery. Now, I feel it is in my best interest to care for my husband and I am stepping down from all district offices. However, if the opportunity arises that I should be able to help in the future, then I will be more than happy to do so.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Sincerely, FVDG Keyota Jarvis

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Gary Boyd



Dear Fellow Lions.

I have agreed to be considered for the position of Vice District Governor. This will be decided by vote of the District Cabinet (DG, PDG's, PID's, etc.) at a special cabinet meeting to be held at the Alum Creek Lion's club on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. My hope is that, over the next two years, I can work with the fine folks of our District to develop interests and strategies that will enhance the appeal of being a Lion amongst the youth of our communities. I believe we can develop partnerships, and mentor relationships, that will help achieve that goal. This will help to sustain and strengthen our District.

Please keep Keyota and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

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I had the opportunity to participate in the Alum Creek Lions Club car show and pig roast. Several awesome cars were entered, and the food was awesome. I estimate that we had about 400 people in attendance, with many activities and great fun. I especially like the youth hog-calling contest.

I plan to attend the Zone 5 meeting in Glasgow on September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm, at the Glasgow United Methodist Church. I am excited about meeting the Zone 5 Lions, and hearing about the great things they are doing for their community.

It was great meeting IVP Dr. Choi and his wife last week. I particularly enjoyed seeing the way they interacted with the Leo's that attended the event. I believe his enthusiasm and proactive spirit will serve Lions well as he progresses toward the position of International President in 2019.

Stay positive and keep it fun!

SVDG Gary Boyd

#### **Editor's Note**

We are diligently working towards the improvement of communication within our district. We believe that a well-informed organization is the key to a successful future for District 29C. As editor, it is my intention to put as much useful information as possible into each monthly newsletter.

I would like to encourage everyone to send in articles, stories, pictures, event notifications, club website/social media links, and anything else that may be pertinent to LCI District 29-C. I may not be able to use everything that is submitted. That will largely depend on the content and how it fits into the focus of the newsletter each month. Something that is submitted today could be used in a publication several months away. The lesser amount of editing required equals better chances of publication. Please send your submissions as close to its final format as possible.

Each of the forms at the end of the newsletter can be printed as a single 8.5"x11" paper. Go to the form you want to print and (instead of printing entire document) select the "print current page only" option.

Thank you, Lion Mike Fleshman michael.fleshman@suddenlink.net





#### **District Governor's Contest**

Nine clubs have added members since July 1st. This is the last month of the first quarter contest. September 30<sup>th</sup> will end this quarter, and the next quarter will begin October 1<sup>st</sup>.

This quarter's contest is based on percentage of membership increase per club. The prize for the winning club will be \$25 for their activity fund. I felt that this would be better than a certificate.

Here are the clubs that have increased their membership this quarter; Beckley, Burnsville, Dunbar, Gassaway, Marlinton, Mt. Hope, and Union.

New members must be updated in MyLCI. If you need help getting them in, please send the information to DG and she will enter them for you.

The second quarter contest will be based on club activities. This will also be pulled from MyLCI. It will be a busy quarter for clubs, because of the holidays. So, be thinking of how you can help others in your community this quarter.



<u>DG Henson's visit to Burnsville Lions Picnic</u>



SVDG Gary Boyd at VP Choi's Reception



#### First Vice President Choi and Seong-Bok visit West Virginia

By PID Bob Browning

#### **Visitation Request**

I received a copy of an email from Lions Clubs International in July, asking if West Virginia MD29 would be willing to host a visit from Jung-Yul Choi and his wife. What a surprise! He and I served on the International Board in 1996-1998, and our friendship has continued for 20 years. The leadership of MD 29 acted quickly to say yes to the proposal.

The Chois arrived right on time at CRW, and there was a great turnout of Lions to greet them.

#### Reception

District 29C and South Charleston Lions Club hosted a reception for our guests on the evening of their arrival in Charleston. First VP Choi took the opportunity to visit the tables and have personal conversations with most of the Lions and Leos in attendance.



#### **WVU Eye Institute Visit**

On Saturday morning the WVU Eye Institute hosted a tour for First VP Choi. Unfortunately, we got caught in heavy rain and highway construction, and arrived half an hour late. The driver/photographer was so flustered that he failed to take any pictures.

On the other hand, I am grateful to Jeff Baxter, Kim Ebert, Charley Moore and Becky Coakley, and everybody else that had anything to do with the visit for their work in setting it up.

#### **Fun and Games with the Lions**

On the way south from Morgantown we spent the night at Days Inn in Flatwoods, a place familiar to WV Lions.

The next day we did some tourist type activities. Charlie Biggs set up a Bridge Walk excursion, and Lisa Keffer contributed her professional expertise as guide emeritus.



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We went to Beckley for lunch at Tamarack and moved on to the underground cool of the Exhibition Coal Mine. You might say that we experienced some highs and lows on the trip.



All in all, it was a great visit, both for the Lions of West Virginia and our First Vice President. I am so thankful to Choi for having the great idea for the visit, and then taking the personal initiative to carry it out. I know that he will have a great year as President of the Association in 2019-2020.











#### **Featured Lion/Club**

#### **Fayetteville Lions Club**

For the fifth year in a row, the Fayetteville Lions Club has sponsored the July Festival. This year it was a two-day event with music, food, traditional games like hula hoop, frog jumping, watermelon seed spitting. Approximately 300 individuals attended this year's festival. The American Legion Post 149 previously hosted the festival but could not do so any longer. The festival would have faded away if the Fayetteville Lions had not stepped up to serve their community.

The Fayetteville Lions Club was chartered on September 8, 1954. It was established to fill a vacancy. There were no other service clubs in the area.

Fayetteville Lions Club also founded the Fayetteville Lions Club Invitational Track Meet. They have maintained this annual meet for thirty-three years. The meet consists of multiple track & field events and is held in hopes of preparing middle and high school teams for state competitions.

The Alum Creek Lions Club Car Show and Pig Roast was a great success.

There were 75 cars registered, and hundreds of people in attendance.









#### **Lions Clubs International Foundation**



By PID Larry Johnson
MD 29 LCIF Coordinator

Most of us know Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the charitable fundraising and grant-making arm of our global organization. We know that LCIF has provided funds to help with disasters in West Virginia, helped fund our work with the West Virginia University Eye Institute, and provided matching grants for other projects in West Virginia.

Many of our clubs regularly donate to LCIF, as do some individual Lions. Thanks to the generosity of Lions around the world, LCIF has been able to grant more than \$1 billion to Lions service projects and partnerships around the world. Our Foundation is highly respected and allows the service of Lions to be extended and magnified on a global scale.

Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service is the Foundation's next transformational campaign. Through Campaign 100 we will raise \$300 million to increase our service impact, fight diabetes, and expand our global causes. Campaign 100 will allow us to serve more than 200 million individuals per year by 2021 and ensure that Lions have the resources we need to expand our global causes and impact.

You will be hearing more about this campaign during these three years. Even as we look back and celebrate what Lions have accomplished over the past 100 years, we look to the future and see that the needs of the world have never been greater. We see new challenges.

What if 100% of Lions (not just clubs) contributed to this global effort? What if each Lion gave \$100 a year--\$2 per week—to make a difference?

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Cause	Impact
Vision	\$100 funds two cataract surgeries
Youth	\$100 provides the Lions Quest social emotional learning curriculum to an
	entire classroom
Diabetes	\$100 provides diabetes screening for 18 at-risk individuals
Humanitarian Efforts	\$100 provides the measles vaccination to 100 kids
Disaster	\$100 provides immediate relief to four people in the wake of a natural
	disaster
Environment	\$100 provides 14 people with access to clean water
Childhood Cancer	\$100 helps purchase equipment that will help diagnose or treat eight
	children who have cancer
Hunger	\$100 helps provide regular access to food to 14 disabled, elderly, low-
	income or homeless people

Each club has a club LCIF coordinator. If no other member has been elected or appointed to the position, the immediate past president is the club coordinator. Club coordinators will be trained by the district LCIF coordinators in the coming months. We have a big job to do, but with every Lion helping, we will do our part in this important campaign.

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Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

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Make a Difference

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#### **Youth Exchange**



The Youth Exchange summer is in full swing and we have had exchanging students coming and going all summer. All five of our WV students have already returned from their youth exchange trips. Two students went to Japan, two went to Italy and one went to Germany.

Two of our youth exchange students from Europe have already returned home; one to Germany and one to Finland. We still have two girls from Japan, 2 boys from Italy and one girl from Germany still with us. They are staying with host families in Romney, North River Mills, Capon Springs and Gore, VA.



On Monday August 13, 2018 Lions Lorrie & Henry Krautwurst hosted a Youth Exchange pot luck dinner and s'more roast at our home in Capon Springs. We had five host families and their kids along with the five exchange students. The kids really enjoyed being together sharing stories, learning to line dance and roasting marshmallows for s'mores while the host families had the opportunity to meet each other and share their exchange experiences.



I just don't know how to express myself for the opportunity to Chair the Youth Exchange Committee. I think I have the BEST job in all of WV Lions. I wish more Lions would take the opportunity to open their homes and share their lives with a young person from another country.

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Once you step out of your comfort zone and encounter the exchange experience I hope you will realize what an amazing experience you just had. Having these students come to your home and be able to share stories and experiences with them, getting to know them and helping them with their English, which in most cases is already very good, is a very rewarding and enrichening experience.

The Youth Exchange committee will begin



preparing for the 2019 exchange year next month. As we begin preparing I invite you to consider becoming a host family next year and you too can know the joy that Lion Lorrie and I and our host families have come to know.

As I like to tell people who are considering whether or not to be a host family, don't be afraid to encounter an experience that will forever change your lives.



You may contact me at <a href="HenryK248@gmail.com">HenryK248@gmail.com</a> about becoming a host family. Remember, this program wouldn't exist and these exchange students both from WV and abroad would not have this opportunity if there were no families willing to host.

Lion Henry Krautwurst henryk248@gmail.com







#### **WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation**

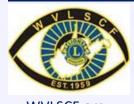
I am serving a three-year term as your Trustee of the WVLSCF. Elected during the MD-29 meeting at Lakeview Golf Resort, May 6, 2018. The District Governors and three trustees from each district make up the foundation, which is required to have four quarterly meetings each year. The purpose of the organization is to provide sight and hearing conservation and rehabilitation.

Steve Clendenin, from the White Sulphur Springs Lions Club, completed a three-year term and I want to thank Lion Steve for his work for the foundation. Many of Steve's accomplishments went unnoticed, but he was a voice for sponsoring eye screenings for our youth.

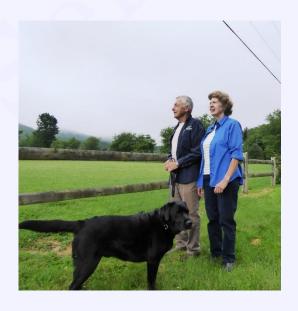
If any club would like a brief program about our WVLSCF, I would be happy to visit your club. My wife, Lion Carolyn, is MD-29 Leader Dog chairperson, and she would also be happy to discuss the Leader Dog program, located in Rochester Hills, MI. Total time for both programs would be 20-30 minutes.

Thank you for your service,

Charles Sheets, PDG 29-N Lion Carolyn Sheets 304-456-4762 casheets4@yahoo.com



WVLSCF.org





#### District 29-I Fall Conference District Governor Rob Bright

When: October 12-13, 2018

Where: Clarion Hotel, Shepherdstown, WV

Registration: \$70.00

(Includes Friday evening dance, Saturday lunch and Saturday banquet)

Conference Registration Deadline: October 2nd

Rooms: Clarion Hotel - call 304-876-7000

\$99 per 1 King Bed or 2 Queen Beds (plus tax)

Mention: District 29-I Lions Conference

Room Deadline: September 19th

#### - Registration Options -

Registration Fee for Friday Night only
Registration Fee for Saturday Lunch only
Registration Fee for Saturday Banquet only
\$40.00

**Conference activities include:** Friday evening dance **(Theme – Country & Western),** cabinet meeting, seminars, silent auction, hospitality room, door prizes, parade of checks, keynote address by Past International Director Steve Tremaroli from Huntington, Long Island, New York and more!

-Please Mark In Box (total number)-			
Club	District		
Name	_ Special Dietary Needs	1st Time Attendee?	
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Full Registration	Friday Night Only	Saturday Lunch Only	Saturday Banquet Only
\$70.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$40.00

#### SHEPHERDSTOWN CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB

Friday evening prior to the start of the Conference, starting at 6:00 pm, Shepherdstown Centennial Lions Club will be holding their Charter Night celebration at the Clarion. The cost of the buffet will be \$30.00 per person. If you plan are attending, include the cost in your check.

Make checks payable to: District 29 I Conference

Mail to: 1VDG Ruth Straley, PO Box 604, Jane Lew, WV 26378







#### 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 4TH

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!!!!!!!!!!!!

NAME:		special dietary needs	1 <sup>st</sup> timer
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Club	District	Registration \$100	# \$75#
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## PARADE OF CHECKS LCI DISTRICT 29-C FALL CONFERENCE 2018-19

Please have your checks turned in before Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, to District Secretary Stephen Hogg.

Mail to:	
Stephen Hogg Jr	
1022 Ridge Drive	
South Charleston, WV 25309	
CLUB NAME:	
LCI: \$	
WV SIGHT FOUNDATION: \$	
DIABETES: \$	
PEDIACTRIC CANCER: \$	
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### DISTRICT 29C FALL CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 2018

Charleston Marriott Town Center
200 Lee Street E
Charleston, WV 25301

Room rate: \$99 +tax (includes parking)
Call: 304-345-6500 or 1-800-228-9290
Ask for Lions Club Conference Rate

Cost of conference = \$60 by October 15<sup>th</sup>, or \$70 after October 15<sup>th</sup> (includes lunch and banquet on Saturday)

Make checks payable to: District C

Mail check and form to: PO Box 8453

**South Charleston, WV 25303** 

Name:			_
Address:			
Phone:	Email:		
Club:		Number attending:	
Amount enclosed: \$			

Contact DG Charolette Henson 304-951-9022

