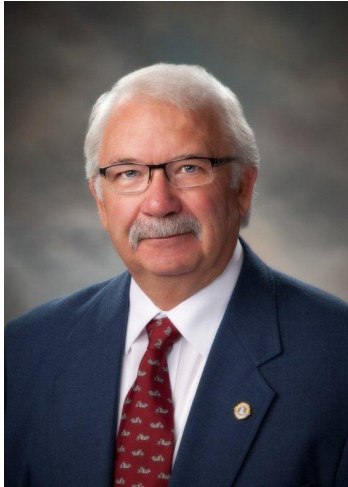


DISTRICT 29-C NEWS



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DG's Message

By DG Charles Biggs

Lions,

I hope that all of you had a great holiday season and join me in looking forward to a great 2017. I begin this message with some sad news. 1st VDG Dale Fitzpatrick is stepping down from his post due to health issues, and we still do not have a 2nd VDG for the District. Lion Tom Crouser from the Sissonville Lions Club has the endorsement of his club to fill the 1VDG vacancy. A special election meeting to fill these vacancies will be held 10 am, Saturday February 11, at the Shoney's Restaurant in Charleston. This restaurant is near the Civic Center. Please contact me for more details.

Recently I attended the White Sulphur Springs Lions 60th Anniversary celebration. There we presented two Lions with 50-year chevrons: PDG Dick Brockway and PDG George Gillespie. Please join me in congratulating these Lions for their long service.

During January I also had the privilege of inducting six new Lions members.

If you did not attend the Leadership Retreat, it was a very good learning experience. PCC Gary Van Horn and the organizing committee did a fantastic job!



DG Club Visits:

- Feb 7 – Fayetteville
- Feb 20 – Athens
- Feb 22 – Welch
- Feb 27 - Alderson
- Feb 28 – Danville

Don't forget the District Cabinet Meeting February 11 in Charleston. It will follow the special election meeting.



WV MD29 Convention

The 2017 MD 29 State Convention will be held April 28-30, 2017 at the Lakeview Resort near Morgantown.

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 – 100th 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!

The stage is being set and plans are well underway for the Centennial Convention in Chicago! Lions Clubs International will reach a monumental milestone, 100 years of service, giving Lions from around the world a reason to celebrate!

You can attend the exciting International Show featuring music groups the Beach Boys and Chicago. The plenary sessions will include interesting speakers and of course, the colorful Parade of Nations. Look for the special Centennial Exhibit and the opportunity for Leos and Lions to present or perform on stage! And there will be opportunities to take a tour of LCI headquarters.

For more information, visit us at LCICon.org.

You don't want to miss this celebration...we are looking forward to seeing you in Chicago!



Marlinton Lions 64th Charter Night

by Lion Carolyn Sheets

January 26, 2017, Marlinton Lions celebrated their 64th Charter Night with president Lion Joe Laskey presiding. Three past district governors were present; their own PDG Lion Harvey Galford, PDG Lion Charles Sheets from Durbin Lions, PDG Richard Brockway, White Sulphur Springs Lions. In celebration of their 64th anniversary a Progressive Melvin Jones was awarded by PDG Richard Brockway to President Joe Laskey, who has been a member almost 39 years. Randy Irvine, a 35 year Lion was awarded a Leonard Jarrett Award by PDG Harvey Galford. Shawn Ervine, a Lion for 14 years, also received a Leonard Jarrett Award. Lion Phylliss Lucas, currently zone chair, a member 4 ½ years, received a Leonard Jarrett Award, presented by PDG Charles Sheets. All recipients have been active in their club and served as president in the past. With these awards, representing a total of \$4,000, Marlinton Lions are to be commended for their generous

support to WV Sight Conservation Foundation and LCIF.

The meeting was held at the Marlinton Library, beautifully decorated, with a delicious covered dish dinner served. Guests were warmly welcomed and Lion fellowship was enjoyed by all.



This photo illustrates how one Lions Club fabricated a giant "White Cane" to use at their White Cane Day collection event. At a busy local supermarket, friendly Lions were able to collect hundreds of dollars deposited into this eye-catching "cane" fabricated from PVC pipes. All of the money will of course go toward Lions vision and charitable programs.

South Charleston Lions Host District 29-C Zone 3 Meeting

by Lion James Slamick

The South Charleston Lions Club hosted the District 29-C Zone 3 meeting on January 24, 2017 at the Kanawha Country Club. District Governor Charles Biggs was the keynote speaker and gave a report on the International Lions President's theme of "Mountains to Climb". He also provided an update regarding the WV Lions efforts to provide flood relief to the victims of the June 23 disaster. To date, Lions have collected more than \$42,000 to distribute to local Lions Clubs to help their communities. Lion DG Charlie stated that this was in keeping with his theme of Lions going "ABOVE AND BEYOND". He also asked Lions of Zone 3 to participate in the Centennial Service Challenge to serve more than 100,000,000 people world wide and in recognition receive a banner patch.

Five clubs were in attendance at the Zone 3 meeting. Clubs represented were the Charleston Downtown, Kanawha City, Loudendale, South Charleston, and Southridge Pacesetters. Zone Chairman Jim Slamick was glad to see a very good turnout of 32 Lions. Each club gave a written report on their service activities and fundraiser projects. Several clubs reported on providing eyeglasses, eye exams, clean-ups for Adopt-a-Highway, and food baskets. Hot dog sales seems to be a popular fundraiser along with sales of candy, brooms, mops, and raffle tickets.



L-R: Lions James Slamick, Barbara Cline, Brent Sears, Duane White, DG Charles Biggs, Bruce Pennington, and Richard Bishoff

Upcoming Pancake Supper

Pancake Supper sponsored by Durbin Lions Club. Saturday, April 1, 2017 at the Arborvale Community Center, 4-7 pm. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, gravy, and beverages.



Arf, Arf, Reo Update

submitted by Lion Carolyn Sheets, Puppy Raiser

I am eight months old now and have experienced many new things the past 6 weeks. Two major holidays, church services, Lions club meetings, lumber supply stores, office buildings, met Beth Slade from Leader Dog in Rochester Hills at the Leadership Training Retreat at Lake View and the same evening went to Washington, PA, and met Jennifer Tancraitor, my Puppy Counselor. I must be a very important puppy to be the center of attention to many important people.

My Puppy Counselor worked with me and my puppy raisers for 2 hours on Saturday evening. I was very excited when first meeting Jennifer and kept jumping up on her.....but she didn't pay any attention to me. She kept giving me treats when I DIDN'T jump up. I soon learned how to get those treats. By the end of two hours I was behaving very well, was tired, and my tummy was full. My puppy raisers have learned to reward for good behavior (I'm doing better to get those treats) and ignore bad behavior. I've heard they are to give treats less often as time goes on (hmmmmm?).

Durbin and I travel together all the time in the truck but when I'm in training he is not around. He gets me in trouble sometimes. My puppy raiser, Carolyn, tethers me to my crate when I "counter-graze" too much in the kitchen while she is getting supper. One evening when she had some delicious smells going



Reo and Lion Suzanne Stewart

on in the kitchen, she had gone into the next room but heard the rustle of a plastic bag and hurried back into the kitchen. There I stood with a bag of carrots in my mouth. Caught! She wasn't too mad at me because she knew Durbin got them off the counter and dropped them in front of me knowing I couldn't resist chewing on them. Durbin doesn't even like carrots. I probably would have chewed them up and made a mess if I'd had more time. He tries to get me in trouble sometimes and helps me out sometimes. Depends on his mood. I'm mischievous all the time unless I'm really tired.

Reo, Future Leader Dog

Upcoming Zone 9 Meeting

A Zone 9 (clubs include Alderson, Lewisburg, Ronceverte, Union, White Sulphur Springs) meeting is planned for Monday, March 20 at 6:30 in Union at the Methodist Church on Main Street. These clubs will be contacted individually by Zone Chair Marietta Lyall, but in the meantime, if you have questions, call her at 304-645-1359.

