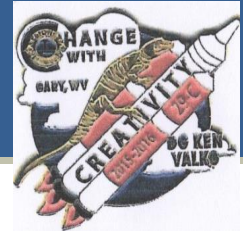


THE HYLONOMUS HOOT



From the District Governor

by DG Ken Valko



Ken & Pris Valko

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First Half Report

Christmas Greetings and Mid-Year greetings to membership of 29-C. The end of December marks the half way point in the first year of District 29-C. At this time I would like to check / review and comment on the goals and objectives I began this year with. As I have visited this year, 25% of the 25 clubs visited gained in membership. At Clay Lions we inducted four new members. The largest induction to date has been the rejuvenated Montgomery Lions. We inducted seven members the night IPDG Charlie Sheets and I visited. We also were given the honor of presenting Gene Hess with a Melvin Jones Fellow Award. Congratulations to both Clay and Montgomery.

Let us all continue our efforts on recruitment. Each club should also look through their rosters and try to return previous members and find new prospective members to bring new life to our clubs. Our Conference in November was a great example of bringing life to individuals and our clubs. Pris and I are

so thankful for all and any help in regards to the development and setting precedence to District 29-C's first conference.

During our visits a few clubs have expressed an interest in developing a LEO Club. this is one of my goals. At this time no LEO Clubs have been developed. Those established have been continuing their projects and holding meetings.

My hopes are still high to develop the three year plan for District 29-C. I plan to meet with the GMT and GLT Leaders at the Leadership Retreat to discuss this plan. This first half year has seen a number of changes. It has been a challenge and an honor to develop the first cabinet, Zone Areas and Zone Chair Persons. Pris and I have attended five Zone Meetings thus far. We have found friendly people willing to go to other clubs sharing and promoting the values of service in their communities. Many clubs continue their established projects and fundraisers. Please remember to do

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one new activity or service project related to youth as requested. First VDG Daniel has informed me of the good reports for the DG Golden Hylonomus Award. Please continue to report all club activities and projects. This is also a good time to remind club secretaries and presidents to get dues and reports in according to the time frame required. My hopes are to do better in communicating by way of news letter and Facebook the second half of my term.

In conclusion, Pris and I will continue to travel to Lions Clubs and express our thanks for this opportunity to serve and promote the future of Lions in 29-C with my theme:

Change With Creativity

*Yours in Lions Service,
Ken Valko, 29-C District Governor*

Greetings Fellow Lions,
Please note below dates of the remaining clubs' Annual Visit of the Governor.

A number of clubs have chosen to meet with other clubs or at a Zone Meeting for their annual visit. This is of great help.

This schedule should complete my visits required. My plans are to visit LEO or club establishment meetings between visits and after the Annual visits. If any questions please drop me a note.

Thanks for your service and your continuation to

*Change with Creativity
DG Ken*

DG Club Visitation Schedule

FEBRUARY	
06	laeger
08	Loudendale
16	Rainelle
18	Mullins
23	Flatwoods - Heaters
MARCH	
03	Hinton
08	Lewisburg
12	Anstead
14	Chapmanville
17	Ronceverte
22	Campbells Creek
28	Summersville

APRIL	
05	Richwood
07	Princeton
12	Glasgow - Cedar Grove
14	Oak Hill
18	Man
19	Logan
26	Sissonville
MAY	
03	Southridge - Pacesetters
09	Wayne
17	Hamlin
23	St Albans



From the January 4th issue of the Fayetteville News



The District Governor's Pin contains two symbolic objects along with the Governor's Theme. The Hylonomus represents the coal fields of the southern part of West Virginia. The Hylonomus, meaning *Forest Mouse*, lived during the Carboniferous time period, around 330 million years ago. This was the period when our coal deposits were formed. Hylonomus was the first reptile totally adapted to live on land and was the first creature to protect its young with an amniotic protective egg shell. Forest Mouse is also symbolic of research using mice, accomplished at the Eye Institute in Morgantown. And, who can forget the mouse in the story *The Lion and the Mouse*.

The second symbolic object, the Orion Rocket, represents the vision and spirit of Lionism and The Spirit of Lions usage of Technology. This is the rocket planned for our next step into space – Mars.

The Governor's Theme **Change with Creativity** represents the new 29-C and the changing creative spirit in Lionism Past, Present, and Future.



GARY the Lion has new home with Gary Lions



District Governor's Contest

This year's contest will be based on progress and outcomes. Plaques will be awarded at the end of the year at the last 29-C Cabinet Meeting. This will allow all clubs a chance to develop and put in place any plans to accomplish a long term goal. Areas and specific improvement goals considered will relate to my goals set at the beginning of this year.

- Any club increasing membership from last year.
- Any club developing a LEO club.
- Any club starting another club. {Outreach}, {Lioness}
- Clubs that produce a large evidence and effort on their part to {ROAR}, by getting the word of LIONISM out to the media: TV, Radio, Lions Magazine, Local Newspapers, etc.
- Clubs that look to the future by establishing and/or continuing efforts of Technology, by way of Facebook Page, numbers of members with e-addresses, and Newsletters.
- Clubs that show an appreciation to fellow Lions by way of Awards, Certificates, and other means of appreciation.
- A club that develops a new program or programs, and/or activity that best promotes the International and District themes for this year: **Dignity, Harmony, Humanity** and **Change with Creativity**.

