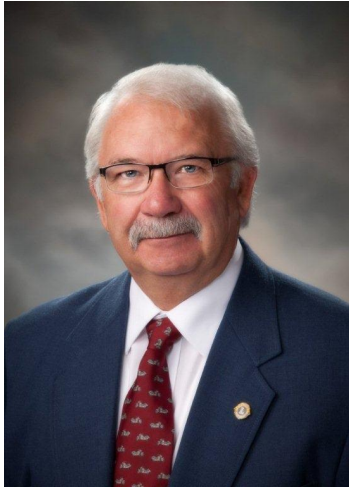


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DG's Message

By DG Charles Biggs

Greetings Lions!

With the beginning of 2017, I want to wish all Lions a happy, healthy, and productive New Year. Let's all continue to work together toward our goals!

We have two club visitations scheduled this month: Jan 9th with the White Sulphur Springs Lions and Jan 24th with the South Charleston Lions. These visitations are great opportunities to meet and for me to learn your clubs' successes and concerns. I look forward to seeing you there.

Our District needs a Lion to step forward and serve as the 2nd Vice District Governor. This very important office has been vacant all term. If you are willing, or even would just like to learn more about this office, please talk to your Club President and get in touch with me as soon as possible.

All Clubs need to submit their International AND State dues. We have several clubs who are not current and it is vitally important to take care of this responsibility!

DG Charlie



LCI Items

The Club LCIF Coordinator is an ambassador for LCIF at the club level. This person shares LCIF stories, motivates fellow Lions to support LCIF, and enables LCIF to advance its humanitarian work both locally and globally. This new position is crucial to the promotion of our foundation. Talk to your club president today if you are interested in volunteering for this exciting new position.

The Lions Clubs International Century of Service **Commemorative Coin** will provide a worthy tribute to the millions of Lions who have served their communities during the last 100 years. The coin will go on sale on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. For a limited time only, you can order this historic keepsake and support the life-changing work of LCIF. For each coin sold, US\$10 is authorized to be paid to LCIF. This represents a US\$4 million opportunity to improve the lives of people in need through LCIF initiatives around the world.

More Info: <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/about/centennial-coin.php>



Important Dates

Jan 9-15, 2017 – Worldwide Week of Service to fight hunger & poverty
 Jan 13 – Melvin Jones' Birthday
 Jan 13 – Last day for LCI Conference early registration discount
 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!

Notice

Please note that January 13th is the deadline for early registration discount (\$50!) for the 100th LCI Convention!

<http://lcon.lionsclubs.org/EN/attendees/registration-information.php>



Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat

*by PID Larry G. Johnson
Retreat Publicity/Promotion Committee Chairperson*



You Can Still Register!!

If you haven't registered yet for the 2017 Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat, now is the time. The \$125 registration fee remains unchanged. Six seminar opportunities, four meals with speakers, vendors and project displays will all add to your experience. The sharing among the Lions attending is often a highlight.

Past International Director Dr. H. Hauser Weiler, will be the featured speaker on Saturday evening. He served as an International Director in 2012-14, along with West Virginia's own PID Steve Glass. PID Weiler is from Lancaster, Virginia, and has been a member of the Tappahannock Lions Club since 1989. He is an ophthalmologist and is a member of the founding committee of Lions KidSight USA. He has been chairperson of the Multiple District 24 Remote Area Medical (RAM) program, and very involved with the Virginia Lions Eyeglass Recycling Foundation. We are pleased that PID Weiler will be joining us for the

Retreat.

Remember, the Retreat is open to all Lions. Non-Lion spouses and guests will find much of the program to be of interest. The action begins Friday evening with dinner, continues all day Saturday, and concludes after lunch on Sunday.

The Retreat will be held at Lakeview Resort January 27-29, 2017. The \$125.00 registration fee is inclusive of all Retreat activities.

Do not delay! Register now! See the form included with this newsletter, and contact the Resort for room reservations.

Questions should be directed to the Chairperson of the Retreat, PCC Gary van Horn, at 304-261-1229 (cell), or 304-258-3261 (home).



Silent Auction at Leadership Retreat

We have accepted the challenge to co-chair the first ever “**Silent Auction**” at the upcoming Leadership Retreat to be held on January 27-29, 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 Leadership Retreat. 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

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 Leadership Retreat so that everyone in the multiple district will consider attending. This is a time to learn about leadership, 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)** or **Lion Kris Pinkerman (akpinkerman@gmail.com)** and let us know what type of item you or your club will donate. We look forward to hearing from you.

Lion Jordan Glass (304-203-2005)

Lion Kris Pinkerman (304-638-4096)

ITEM BEING DONATED _____

SUGGESTED STARTING BID \$ _____

CLUB _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER _____

CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Thank you in advance for your participation and support!!



Prescription Labels for Visually Impaired

by Lion Carolyn Sheets, Leader Dog for the Blind Chair

I recently received information concerning accessible prescription labels for the visually impaired and am passing it on to you through this Newsletter. The following is part of a letter from En-Vision AMERICA – 825 4th ST W, Palmetto FL 34221 – (800) 890-1180 – FAX (309) 452-3643 –

www.envisionamerica.com

The ScripAbility suite allows pharmacies to offer Scrip Talk audible labels, ScripView large print labels, and Braille labels. Each participating pharmacy offers one or more of these options. New pharmacies are added daily so to find the most up-to-date listing you can go to their website at www.envionamerica.com/ourpharmacies

About Scrip Talk: The ScripTalk label is embedded with a microchip and programmed with all the printed label data. The patient places the container onto a small hand-held reader or uses an Android NFC ScripTalk app to listen to the information. Deaf-Blind users can request ScripTalk User software to export text to their Braille browser display. Patients who would like ScripTalk can participate in the Pharmacy Freedom Program that sends the ScripTalk Reader free of charge on a long-term loan for as long as a participating pharmacy is being used.

About ScripView: ScripView is a large-print, booklet-style label attached to the prescription container. It provides easy access to the

prescription label for those with low vision. The label contains all the same information as the pharmacy's regular label, but in large print, as well as a 2D barcode that can be scanned by an iOS device or an audible version using the ScripView app.

About Braille: Braille label tape allows pharmacies to create multiple rows of Braille and include basic information for medication identification. ScripAbility suite is completely compliant with the US Access Board's "Best Practices for Making Prescription Drug Container Label Information Accessible to Persons Who are Blind or Visually-Impaired or Who are Elderly." <http://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/health-care/about-prescription-drug-container-labels/working-group-recommendations>

I also received a letter from visually impaired Lion Trish, a ScripTalk user. She says it is totally FREE to the user! The pharmacies that offer it don't charge anything additional for the service. People can always ask their pharmacy if they offer this or some other kind of accessible label. Lion Trish also added her cell and email if anyone has questions. Cell: 217-779-3821 email: pmbissell53@gmail.com

Lion Carolyn Sheets – csheets4@frontiernet.net



Future Leader Dog Update

submitted by Lion Carolyn Sheets, Puppy Raiser

Hello and Happy New Year! REO here again. The past week I have experienced many firsts-- first Christmas, first New Year and first snowfall with any accumulation (3 in.) I LOVE the snow. Puppy-raiser Charles takes me out when there is snow or ice. He tells puppy-raiser Carolyn to stay in the house. I think he is afraid she will fall, break a bone, and then he'll have all the work to do. Anyhow, this morning there were 3 inches of snow and I played, ran and rolled around in it before I even "parked". It feels so good on my nose, toes and belly. This afternoon, big brother Durbin and I played, ran and jumped in it together. You know they have a big pen for us to play in and we can't get hurt in the road. Most of the time we play so hard we forget about our surroundings and could wander off.

I haven't been weighed since I was 52 lbs. about 2 months ago. I probably weigh at least 60 now. I'm hungry all the time and know they don't feed me enough. My paws are already twice bigger than my big brother's. I do get lots of treats, though, if I do my commands correctly. I still love to eat twigs and mulch. That fills me up a little. I'm getting very strong and just can't control my impulse to grab a stick or mulch and puppy-raiser Carolyn says I nearly pull her arms out of socket. She's getting on to me though and anticipates my pulling and wraps the leash around her body. I still can almost pull her



with me. She says I should stop doing that but I just can't stop that impulse. I do very well on STAIRS of all kinds, SIT, DOWN, HEEL, but I just don't want to STAY, especially if she walks away from me. I know she's got those treats in her pocket and don't want to get too far away from those. I went to Tennessee for Christmas. I hate riding in that crate. Durbin gets to ride free on the back seat. I am back there with him but I'm confined. When puppy-raiser Charles puts me in, I spread open my front paws and block the entrance but he throws in treats and I can't resist, so I let go and he pushes me in. I settle down and sleep most of the 5 hour trip but I'd rather ride free like my big brother or ride in the passenger front floor board. I'm getting almost too big for that with a passenger there, too.

I keep hearing talk about my puppy-raisers going to Chicago next summer. They are trying to find another puppy-raiser to keep me while they are gone. Whoever it is, I just hope they feed me enough!

Reo, Future Leader Dog

Durbin Lions Santa Run

The Durbin Lions Club held their Christmas meeting on December 13th. After the meeting, all the members got busy and bagged candy for the Santa Run to be held the following Sunday. Lion Bill Reese was Santa and helper elves were Lion Kay Wiley and Colton, a second grader who was tested by the Lions and found to be in need of glasses. Santa went to the communities of Green Bank, Arbovale, Thornwood, Frank, Bartow and Durbin. Santa distributed bags of candy and an orange to the children. They were grateful for the gifts and the attention from Santa.

The Durbin Lions began the Santa Run tradition many years ago and have faithfully kept it going each year. The number of children has dwindled over the years for whatever reasons, loss of population being one, with about 40 children participating this year. The Lions still feel it is worth the effort just to see the smiles on the faces of the children when they see Santa and get their gifts.



Lion Santa all decked out for the Durbin Lions Club's Santa Run.



Durbin Lions prepare gifts for Santa's bag.

Upcoming Events

The White Sulphur Springs Lions Club will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary on January 9 with great food and door prizes. District Governor Charlie Biggs will be our featured speaker for the evening. Reception will be at 6:00 in Butler Hall in the St. Thomas Episcopal Church, (beside library) on Main Street; dinner at 6:30 pm. All Lions are invited, but please call President Mary Ann Hensley for reservations at 304-536-4041. Hope to see lots of friends there!



Get the Word Out!

Lion Lee Ann Welch provided the following article with great information about how to get your Lions information out to other Lions and to the general public. – Ed.

When you are promoting your club and its activities, not only do your photos need to be in focus, but your story does, too. In news, we have what is called the First Five Graphs. In five paragraphs you should be able to tell the meat of the matter:

- The News – what is the news here?
- The Impact - how will this impact other people?
- The Context – how will this fit into the overall picture?
- The Human Dimension – a human voice (include quotations) about this.
- Basic facts - who, what, when, where, why, how.

And, for media releases or submitted stories, contact information for your club.

For example, you are having a pancake breakfast.

- The News – EveryTown Lions club is sponsoring a pancake breakfast.
- The Impact – You are raising funds for a scholarship fund for two students at EveryTown High School planning to attend an in-state university
- The Context – The EveryTown Lions Club has been awarding scholarships since 2010 to seniors at EveryTown High. Through the annual pancake breakfast, the club has given \$12,000 to outstanding students to help continue their education.
- The Human Dimension – “I used my Lions Club Scholarship to help pay for books in my freshman year,” said Susie Q. Student. OR “We’ve seen some of our recipients graduate and go on to graduate school,” said Scholarship Chairman Richie Cunningham. “Lions Clubs are about more than eyeglasses. Whatever the need is, we set out to help.”
- The Basic Facts – The breakfast will be from 7 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Jan. 21 at the EveryTown Community Center. Cost is \$5 per person and all money raised will go to the Scholarship Fund. For more information, contact Club President Joe Z. Schmuckatelli at 304-555-5555. The EveryTown Lions meet at 6:30 p.m. the first and third Thursday of each month at the Family Restaurant.

That, my fellow Lions, is enough information to send to a news outlet. You should include a photo from a past pancake breakfast. But make sure it is clear, large enough and you identify the Lions Club members in the photo.

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