

DISTRICT 29-C NEWS



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Let's Be Proud of What We Do!

By DG Tom Crouser

Happy New Year! And in finishing up 2017 and looking forward to all our activities in 2018, I thought I'd take a moment to share with you what you've done. Oh, I know we all know of what our club has done for our community including providing eyeglasses, scholarships, hearing aids and more. But you've also done more than that and we should never lose sight of it. Like what?

Just look at some of the grants that have been provide through Lions Clubs International Foundation as recently as August 2017. And remember, this is just a few of the grants that totaled some \$4.3 million, in just one month.

\$34,000 went to purchase Low-Vision Aids for an orphanage in the Ukraine. \$31,500 purchased vision screening equipment in the Philippines. \$98,000 equipped a Lions Vision Clinic in Ecuador. Another \$10,000 was used to provide equipment for a similar clinic in Mexico.

\$30,000 was used by Wisconsin Lions to provide a Vision Mission to the Dominican Republic while \$22,726 purchase Vision Screening Equipment in

California while another \$22,611 was used to provide for Mobile Health Screening Equipment in the Golden State.

In Utah, \$99,600 set up a Mobile Vision Screening program and \$16,225 went to Belgium Lions to renovate and help equip a hospital in Kahemba, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Meanwhile, in Oklahoma, \$50,000 was granted to equip a Mobile Health Screening unit and \$100,000 was spent in Mississippi to equip a Nature Trail for the Disabled.

A therapy pool at a Lions Camp for the Disabled received \$100,000 in Georgia, and another \$14,000 was used to equip a recreational program for the disabled in Wisconsin.

Florida Lions used \$47,000 to renovate the Lions Conklin Center for the Blind, while Lions in Lebanon used \$49,863 to establish a blood bank.

\$25,000 helped equip Abbotsford Regional

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Hospital by British Columbia Lions, and Ontario, Canadian Lions used \$100,000 to equip the Dehli Community Health Centre and an additional \$69,816 to equip the Peterborough Regional Centre.

Meanwhile Quebec Lions used \$28,984 to renovate and equip a Food Bank, while the Republic of Korea Lions used \$304,000 to purchase thirty-five transportation vehicles for the disabled. The Korean Lions also used \$86,731 to establish Vocational Training for the Disabled as well as \$100,000 to

renovate Rehabilitation Facility for Disabled in Seoul.

And this is only a small part of the list of LCIF beneficiaries from August 2017. You can see the full list on our website. You can also see, that our many donations to LCIF goes to many parts of the world to help in many ways with many projects, large and small. And for that, we should be mighty proud of being a Lion.

We serve!

DG Tom Crouser

Mark Your Calendars

January 2 – DG Visit Kanawha City Lions Club

January 6 – MD 29 Council Meeting, Lakeview Resort, Morgantown

January 15 – DG Visit Union Lions Club

January 22 – DG Visit White Sulphur Lions Club

January 23 – DG Visit South Charleston Lions Club

January 25 – DG Visit Marlinton Lions Club

January 26-28 – WV Lions Leadership Retreat, Stonewall Resort, Roanoke, WV

February 5 – DG Visit Athens Lions Club

May 4-6, 2018 - WV Lions Convention, Lakeview Resort, Morgantown

If you haven't, contact DG Tom to schedule his visit to your Club!

Editor's Note: Please have submissions for the 29-C newsletters in by the 1st day of the month. Issues will be posted soon thereafter. Send submissions by e-mail to: rdnorrod@gmail.com or call (941)662-6770.

Editor Lion Roger Norrod



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on the web at <http://e-district.org/sites/29c/>



1st VDG Message

By VDG Charolette Henson



HAPPY NEW YEARS EVERYONE !!!!!

With a new year starting it's a good time to look forward to what we can do to help Lionism in District C.

We need to work on getting reports into MyLci. This will help not only the district but the state and Lions International. If you need help getting your activities in please contact me will be glad to help. This past month only 5 of the 58 clubs got anything in. The goal is to have 80% reporting by end this year.

Membership is a big problem we need to work on. Every club needs check your membership list if you have unactive members drop them. If you have installed new members make sure and get them reported to LCI. If you need help getting them on let me know. See where members are installing new ones but their not showing up on the LCI reports. Hoping each club wll work on membership. Remember your district membership team is here to help you just ask.

January is time to start thinking of new officers for 2018-19. Things you need to do:

1. Last meeting in January appoint nominating committee.
2. Committee meets in February.
3. Slate of officers are read next two meetings.
4. They are voted on first meeting in April.
5. As soon as election is over your PU101 needs to be completed and sent to LCI. Can be done on the pc or faxed to them. A copy needs to be sent to the District Governor Tom and 1st Vice District Governor Charolette.

Officers training will be scheduled for June in different sections of the district. So the new officers will be ready to take over July 1.

Once your officers are elected make arrangement for their installation.

LET'S GET THE NEW YEAR OFF TO A GOOD START
AND SEE LIONISM GROW IN WEST VIRGINIA !!!!!

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LCI Items

Important Date

June 29 – July 3, **2018** – Lions International Convention – Las Vegas

Deadline for **lowest** Registration Fee: **January 12, 2018**

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

Celebrate the Gift of Lions

Why be ordinary? Why be an ordinary Lion or club or do an ordinary project? In the Lions Magazine, we salute great clubs, projects and Lions. I'll let you in on a secret, and telling you this also will perhaps head off a common reaction to this issue: "Why did you not profile my club? Our project? This Lion I know? Talk about greatness!"

Well, we could have profiled any number of clubs, projects and Lions. It was hard to choose and narrow it down to these few. There are so many great examples of Lionism.

In planning this issue, we tried to be diverse in terms of geography and gender, mirroring the diverse reality of Lionism. There is room in 36 pages for a limited number of stories. We weren't concerned so much about rankings or degree of greatness as to be representative.

Worldwide, Lions serve energetically, innovatively and, most importantly, effectively. We change lives and improve communities. We see a need and fill it. We exemplify what writer George Bernard Shaw shrewdly observed: "Just do what must be done. This may not be happiness. But it is greatness."

Actually, Shaw was half-wrong in our case. Serving others, as Lions know, does bring happiness. Doing good is its own reward. We gain so much by giving to others. So in this wonderful holiday season, marked by the giving of gifts, let us celebrate who we are and what we do. We Lions are a gift to the world.

Naresh Aggarwal

Lions Clubs International President



Youth Camps & Exchange Program

By Chair Henry Krautwurst



December 2, 2017 Flatwoods, WV

Students from across WV were interviewed and competed to win one of six \$1,200 travel scholarships. Fifteen students applied and eleven students participated in the interview process. The winning students will travel during the summer of 2018.

Our interview team consisted of retired Principal Denver Drake, teacher Amy Mullins and Lions Michelle Harshbarger and Lorrie Krautwurst. These are the folks that had the task of choosing the winners.



(L-R) Casey Yates – District C, Denver Drake, Lion Lorrie Krautwurst, Audrey McMillion – District C, Madison Martin – District C, Lion Michelle Harshbarger, Myya Helm District – L, Amy Mullins and Hannah Seckman – District I (unavailable for photo – Amy Frosch – District I)

These students will travel as follows:

Amy Frosch – Italy, Myya Helm – Japan, Madison Martin – Finland, Audrey McMillion – Germany, Hannah Seckman – Iceland and Casey Yates - Germany

On behalf of the Youth Camps & Exchange committee and the students we would like to thank the Lions of WV for making this opportunity possible.



January 6, 2018:

The MD29 Council of Governors will meet at 10:00 am in the Chestnut Room, at Lakeview Resort.

The West Virginia Past District Governors Association will meet in the same room beginning at 1:00 pm.

All Lions are welcome to attend both meetings.

Lion Cindy Glass, Council Chair
& Secretary, WVPDGA

Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat

By PID Larry Johnson



REGISTER NOW FOR LEADERSHIP RETREAT

The 2018 Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat will begin in less than a month. You don't want to miss this year's retreat at Stonewall Resort, January 26-28, 2018. It begins Friday evening with dinner, when we will hear from Paul Daugherty, President & CEO, Philanthropy West Virginia.

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 Cindy Gregg, our featured speaker on Saturday night, will also present a seminar— "Meet the Taters." Luncheon speakers will be Jonathan McCormick, Director of Military and Veterans Affairs at Marshall University on Saturday, and Ann Hammond, a member of the Harrison County HOPE Centennial Lions Club on Sunday. Ms. Hammond will also be presenting a seminar on the opioid crisis in West Virginia, a topic important to our entire state.

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.

Don't wait! Register now! See the form included with past newsletters, and contact the Resort for room reservations.

For further information contact Bob Moffett at 304-363-7060 or rmoffett@ma.rr.com



Silent Auction at Leadership Retreat

By Lion Jordan Glass

We will be having a Silent Auction at the upcoming **WV Lions Leadership Retreat** to be held on January 26-28, 2018 at Stonewall 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
- 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 gather and grow as leaders, 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 2VDG Jordan Glass (jmglass14@gmail.com) and PCC 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.

2VDG Jordan Glass (304-203-2005)
PCC Kris Pinkerman (304-638-4096)

ITEM BEING DONATED _____

SUGGESTED STARTING BID \$ _____

CLUB _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER _____

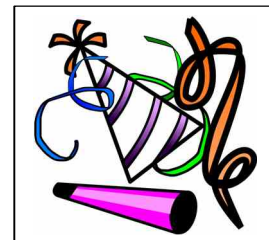
CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Thank you in advance for your participation and support!!



Six Months Left To Celebrate the Centennial!

By PID Larry Johnson



The Centennial Celebration will conclude with our convention in Las Vegas. We have just six months remaining to complete legacy projects, participate in the Centennial Service Challenges, and recruit Centennial Members.

Each Lion who sponsors a new member will be immediately recognized as a Centennial Sponsor and receive a Limited Edition pin and certificate. Help organize a new club and be immediately recognized as a Centennial Club Organizer and receive a Limited Edition pin and certificate.

The longer new members and new clubs stay active and in good standing, the more rewards a Lion can earn! Go to the Lions100 section of lionsclubs.org and learn more about the Silver Centennial Lion award, the Gold Centennial Lion award, and the Diamond Centennial Lion award. Each Lion in each club can earn these recognitions.

Need a program for your club meeting? Consider using some of the Centennial videos that are on the Lions100 site. Or, check out the Centennial Membership program information.

Be sure to enter your projects in each of the Service Project areas through MyLCI, so your club will be recognized. Earn banner patches for completing the projects.

Full information on Centennial programs is available at www.lions100.lionclub.org

Also, be sure to register now for the convention in Las Vegas, where we will conclude our Centennial Celebration. Registration Fee through January 12, 2018 is US\$150. From January 13 through March 31, 2018 the regular registration fee is US\$200.



New LEO Club at St. Marys High School

By MD29 Leo Chair, PDG Ken Valko

On December 10th, Lions Multi District LEO Chairperson Ken Valko of the Gary Lions Club had the honor to be at the Certification Program of the St Marys High School LEO Club. St Marys High School in Pleasants County now has the newest LEO Club in the state of WV. MD LEO Chairman Ken Valko gave a short message to the officers and membership following the Buffet Dinner at 2:00 held in the large commons area of the high school. Shortly after the dinner all moved to the auditorium for the Certification Program. During the program the installation of officers and members was held. Past District Governor and District LEO Chairperson Eva Dague presented the club with the framed Charter / Certification. A number of State and Local LIONS were in attendance including District Governor of 29-L Lee Ann Welch; Pleasants Area Lions Club Secretary Tony Vandenberg; and Pleasants Area Membership Chairman Jim McKnight.

After a number of hard years of development, the Pleasants Area Lions will now include St. Marys High School as one of their sponsored LEO Clubs. The starting membership numbers 37. All new members and those in attendance took home a memento gift handed out by the new membership.



District 29-L LEO Chair PDG Eva Dague presenting the LEO Certification she personally framed.

29-L District Governor Lee Ann Welch with Pleasants Area Lions Club Secretary Tony Vandenberg.



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South Charleston Lions rang the bell for the Salvation Army at Ashton Place Krogers on Dec 9. Pictured are Lions Pat and Rachel.



Good Dogs at Goodson's -- THAT IS, The Gary Lions sold over 300 Hot Dogs at their Hot Dog Sale at Goodson's this past August. The new cooker / steamer recently purchased for these sales worked great. Baked goods were also sold. That day the temperature was just as hot as the Hotdogs, with the temp hitting around 90. One gentleman commended the Gary Lions for helping his son get glasses a few years ago with the help of a club in North Carolina. He gave us a donation to express his appreciation. Lions civic pride was also noted this weekend with the Welch Lions sponsoring the Barrel Bowl. Money from this event stayed in McDowell Co.



The Gary Lions took part in this year's 99th Annual Veteran's Day Parade. Past District Governor Valko prepares the LIONS car for the parade.



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The 2017 TRUNK OR TREAT at Gary was a huge success with the Gary Lions doing their part by popping about 100 bags of popcorn and adding to the Halloween SPIRIT. Photo show Lion Bonnie Hird and Zone Chair Lion Pris Valko sharing the Spirit.

KANAWHA CITY LIONS RINGS BELLS FOR SALVATION ARMY

Richard Campbell, a newly invited member of the Kanawha City Lions Club was promptly initiated into community service by ringing bells for the Salvation Army at the Kmart Store in Kanawha City. Richard, although blind, said that he has been blessed and wants to give back to his community. Richard's wife Ruth also volunteered to help ring bells. Other members of the Kanawha City Lions ringing bells at Kmart were: Lions Club President Andy Richardson, Doug Carte, Chuck Denham, Bill Grizzell, Joyce Hechert, Tom Moriarty, Randy Myers, George Ringwald, Larry Sites, Jim Slamick, and Don Stover.

The Kanawha City Lions also participated in a second location at the Kroger's Store in Kanawha City. Members who volunteered rang bells from 10 AM to 8 PM. Lions at Krogers were: Rich Bishoff, Bill Campbell, Chuck and Shirley Denham, Paul Estep, Jan Gilbert, Brooks Gilliam, Robert and Joyce Hechert, Lynn Himelrick, John Robertson, Michelle Stigall and Jerry Ware.

Major Brooks Gilliam of the Salvation thanked the Kanawha City Lions for volunteering to ring bells. He indicated that this service project by the K C Lions saves the Army money by not having to pay the bell ringers and also it adds to the locations that red kettles can be set up to collect more money for the Salvation Army to meet their requests for help from the needy.

Lion James Slamick



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The South Charleston Lions with help from Hearts and Hands and Krogers distributed food baskets on December 22 to eighteen families.

The Man Lions Club December 16 ran the Santa Train thru the community. Man Lions Club/Logan County Fire Station 200 Operation Santa 2017



Lions Past District Governor Ken Valko of the Gary Lions Club made a Multi District LEO Chairperson visit to the Ritchie Co. Middle School on Dec. 7th. He had the honor of visiting a very active LEO club. The classroom showed its support and work on LEO community projects. LEO the lion was there showing the importance of being NICE. There was also a chart showing the number of canned foods collected for their holiday food drive. MD. LEO Chair Valko had the great honor of inducting the club officers. Time permitted to also visit the Ritchie High School LEO Club. Lions Patty and Paul Nutter are proud of their Pleasants Area Lion Club sponsoring the LEO Clubs. They arranged the MD. LEO Chair Visit and also included a tour of the School.

Pictured are Lions Ken Valko and Paul Nutter with many of the Ritchie Middle School LEO club members.

