



**LIONS CLUB**  
**29-C DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**  
**JANUARY 2020**



Happy New Year!

I hope everyone has had a wonderful holiday season and I wish you all the best for the New Year! This has been an amazing year and the impact that Lions have in are local communities is in full view during the holiday season. The global impact that we have as the worlds largest service organization also affects in a positive way those suffering from childhood cancer, diabetes, vision loss, hearing loss, hunger, and natural disasters. We are stronger when we serve together!

I want to thank the clubs that have made positive strides in membership and for meeting your goals and financial obligations. Please make sure you enter your new members in the LCI web site as well as your club activities. This allows us to validate the impact Lions have and can impact the grant funds that we are eligible to receive. Lion Carla Finch and FVDG Charolette Henson are willing to help those that are struggling with entering this information.

It is extremely difficult to fill the void created when a single club loses 30 members or clubs are suspended because they fail to meet their obligation to pay dues which has occurred in District 29C. I am more than willing to help those clubs get back on track. Two clubs that have made positive strides in rebuilding are the Alderson Club and the Hamlin Clubs which have both taken in new members and are working hard to become a strong service organization in the community.

Please keep in mind the Leadership Retreat that will be held at Flatwoods, please see the attached registration form for details.

In closing, I want to encourage the members of District 29C to be the type of members that you would hope to attract to your clubs. We can choose to be positive, we can choose to be supportive, we can choose to smile, we can choose to laugh, and we can choose to appreciate those around us that we have the privilege to serve with, Happy New Year!

DG Gary



HAPPY NEW YEAR.

This is the time to look forward not backward and to start a new day.

There so much as Lions we can do to help our clubs, community, state and country.

All clubs need to invite the people in their area to a meeting and to let them know what we as Lions are doing to help. This is a good way to increase membership. Remember to tell everyone you meet about Lions if they are not from your area but them in touch with someone in their area.

Service projects we need to help the ones who need it. Its winter how about doing for the homeless, elderly, and children in your community. Example had a lady ask me if I could crochet ear warmers to be given to homeless. Have decide to make and donate ear warmers, gloves caps for this project, do to cost of yarn going ask anyone who has any not using to donate it. am sure there people in your community who could do the same.

helping with back pack program helps children.

Know this is not time year for fund raising but sure we can help in lots ways.

Be sure and let LCI and your fellow Lions know what you are doing by posting in MYLION. If you need help posting your activities please call or email me I'll be glad as District Administor to see it put in.

Lets show the others what we can do in District C to make Lions one of the most important organization around.

1st VDG/PDG Charolette Henson

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## Leadership Retreat

The mission of the Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat is to bring together the family of Lionism to enhance leadership skills and deepen commitment to community service.

It is not too late to take advantage of this opportunity to increase your leadership skills, learn more about Lions and network with other Lions from throughout the state of West Virginia.

Excellent speakers, interesting seminars, hospitality room, silent auction, good food and door prizes await you at the Leadership Retreat which will be held January 24-25, 2020 at Flatwoods Days Inn in Flatwood, West Virginia. cost is \$100 for both Friday and Saturday, or \$75 for Saturday only. Please make checks payable to WVRRL c/o Lion Cindy Glass, 191 Ridgewood Drive, Bridgeport WV 26330. Call Cindy at 304 203-2006 to register. Call Days Inn at 866-700-7284 to make hotel reservations.

Hope to see you there  
PDG John Wensyel

**Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat**  
**January 24-25, 2020**  
**Seminars**

**Presenter: PID Jennifer Ware**                      **“The Bigger Picture”**  
*We all start out as Lions club members; but there’s so much more to learn about, enjoy and be proud of.*

**Presenter: PID Cindy Gregg**                      **“Beyond MyLion”**  
*There are many resources available for every Lions member. What are they? How do we find them and use them?*

**Presenter: PDG Wendy Cain**                      **“Preparing to be a club officer and beyond”**  
*Just getting started as a Lion leader? PDG Wendy has great information to share.*

**Presenter: ZC Daniel M. Elkins**                      **“Better Together”**  
*Learn how to create community partnerships to increase membership, expand your club’s capacity to serve and innovate new ways of promoting Lionism.*

**Presenter: FVDG John Mason**                      **“Who’s Afraid of Lions Technology?”**  
*Bring your laptop, tablet or phone to learn what you need to know about MyLCI and MyLion – FVDG John will guide you through available online training and searching for documents – learn A to Z about the Lions website.*

**Presenter: Eric Minor**                      **“Branding”**  
*Companies rely on branding for their image – How can we brand our Lions clubs to make ourselves more attractive?*

**Presenter: PID Bob Browning**                      **“Lions Orientation”**  
*We all begin as POLs (Plain Old Lions) – The session will provide information that will enlighten new and seasoned Lions.*

**Presenter: PID Larry Johnson**                      **“Guiding Lions/Rebuilding Lions**  
*Who are they? What do they do? Why do we need them? How can they help insure the future of our Association?*

**Presenter: PID Steve Glass**                      **“Compliant and Ethical Leadership”**  
*What every single Lion should know.*

**Presenter: Panel**                      **“Successful Club Strategies”**  
*What works? - Three Lions Clubs have stories and ideas to share:*  
*Shepherdstown Lions Club – Lion Michael Sholl*  
*Alum Creek Lions Club – DG Gary Boyd*  
*Barboursville Lions Club – Lion Lib Ciccolella*

**Bonus Round Table: Saturday Morning at 8:30 a.m. – NAMI – North American Membership Initiative (Lions Jordan Glass, Daniel Elkins and Cindy Gregg)**  
**Come learn about this exciting new plan!**

**All Seminars will take place on Saturday, January 25, beginning at 9:30 a.m.**

## EYESCREEN YOUNG PUPILS

Lions in Braxton County eyescreened 542 students in Davis, Burnsville, Sutton, Frametown and Little Birch Elementary Schools the week of December 12th. Of those students 100 were referred for an examination by an Eye Doctor.

Using a PlusOptix Eyescreening machine, students were tested by Lions and Braxton County High School Health Occupation Students. Based on measurements of the student's pupils, the machine determined either "Pass" or "Refer". None of the students needed to be touched to be screened.

The Amazing Clay Lion Don Jarvis purchased 2 Eyescreening Machines (\$ 6,000 each) through the W Va Lions Sight Foundation. While both were used in this Screening, one machine normally stays with a Clay County School Nurse. The other machine stays with a Braxton County School Nurse.

The Braxton Lions participating in the week's Screening were: from the GASSAWAY Club - Randy & Marge Foster, Brent Boggs, Frank Hoover, George Mitchell, Jon & Lexi Pletcher and Joe Frame.

From the BURNSVILLE Club were Linda Moore and Bob Sowa. From the SUTTON Club were Linda Johnson and Mae Facemire. And from the FLATWOODS-HEATERS Club was J.W. Morris.

The Health Occupation Students who helped were Gabriella Wolverton, Zoe Duffield, Reilee Wilson, Mikayla Brown, Shona Tinney, Kristen Blair, Peyton Lacy, Shayla Gillespie and Heinrich Harman.

The Lions appreciate all who made this Service Project successful