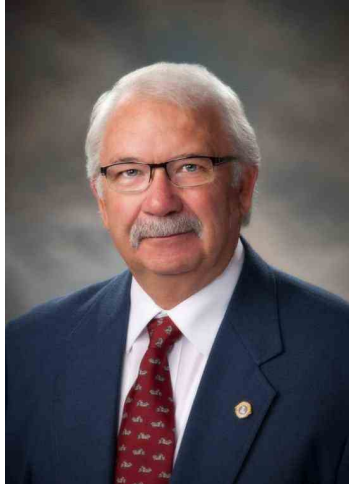


# DISTRICT 29-C NEWS



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## DG's Message

By DG Charles Biggs

Lions,

Greetings to all Lions of District 29-C. As I enter the last month of my term as your District Governor, I want to thank every Club and every Lion for all they have done this year. My thanks also go out to the other District Governors of MD-29, for their help and guidance throughout the past year. And, I greatly appreciate all our District Cabinet members for the good work they have done. I think District 29-C has the best news editor anyone could have.

Our next District Cabinet meeting will be June 11, at 2pm. The Mount Hope Lions Club is graciously making their clubhouse available for the event, and all District awards will be given at that time. We still need someone to step up and fill the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice DG position for the coming year. Please consider doing so!

During the next few weeks we will be holding officer installation ceremonies for the following clubs:

- June 8 at Mount Hope
- June 12 at White Sulphur Springs
- June 13 at Sissonville
- June 20 at Clay
- June 22 at Beaver

On June 26<sup>th</sup> I will be leaving for the International Convention in Chicago. Hope to see you there!

Again, thank you to all Lions for everything you do. Let's continue to build Lionism for the benefit of our communities and the future.

DG Charlie



## 1<sup>st</sup> VDG's Message Exciting Times

By 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Tom Crouser

It's an exciting time here at Mink Shoals as I'm preparing for a year of fun and excitement as District Governor. I've been suited up for a tux, trained in a whole bunch of stuff and have my passport stamped to Chicago for our International Convention there June 30 through July 4th. Fact is, I get to go up on June 26th to spend the week in even more training before the convention. Hope to see you there.

In the meantime, I've been visiting clubs for one thing or another. Since the State Convention, I spoke to new friends at the Zone 11 meeting in Welch, visited the Clendenin Lions Club with DG Charlie Biggs, and have or will be installing officers at the South Charleston and Kanawha City clubs as well as visiting with the Clay Lions.

Visits with clubs have already been scheduled as far out as next November. I mention it now so you'll know I am open to all offers of a free meal. So, get your requests in as soon as you can to get the pick-of-the-litter dates. Would love to visit you. How? Just message me at [tom@crouser.com](mailto:tom@crouser.com) or call my cell (304) 541-3714 or snail mail me at 235 Dutch Road, Charleston, WV 25302. I'm open for official visits,



special events or just hanging out. Seriously, I don't care if there are two Lions, or twenty, or two hundred. I am always glad to be with Lions whenever we gather so we can find more ways to serve our communities and to bring others to Lionism.

And plan now to attend our fall conference, November 3-4 in Beckley. I hear it won't be the same ole, same ole.

Okay, I must run and break it to the dog that I'll be gone an awful lot this year. And I've got to finish up the district directory like yesterday; and fill out this form; and that form; and that other form.

Happy Trails to You,  
Lion Tom

**Contact Lion Tom Crouser at [tom@crouser.com](mailto:tom@crouser.com) or call him at (304) 541-3714. He lives at Mink Shoals, which is Exit 1 on Interstate 79, immediately north of Charleston.**

## Mark Your Calendars

September 29 – October 1, 2017	District 29-L Conference, Pullman Plaza Hotel, Huntington
October 20-21, 2017	District 29-I Conference, Lakeview Resort, Morgantown
November 3-5, 2017	District 29-C Conference, Country Inn & Suites, Beckley
May 4-6, 2018	WV Lions Convention, Lakeview Resort, Morgantown



## LCI Items

### Important Dates

June 30 - July 4, **2017** – 100<sup>th</sup> Lions International Convention - Chicago

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



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](http://www.lionsclubs.org) !

### LCI Temporarily Waives Entrance Fees

Dear Fellow Lions,

In celebration of our 100th birthday on June 7th, 2017 we are waiving entrance fees for all new members added between June 1st and June 10th. Not only will new members help your club make an even bigger impact, they will belong to a distinguished group of "Centennial Lions," in recognition of this unique moment in our history.

As we celebrate 100 years, what better way to increase the service impact of your club than by inviting family and friends to join us? June 7th is the perfect day to host your induction ceremony and plan a special Centennial celebration for your club.

So join us in making history. Join us in inviting new members. And join us as we increase the service impact of Lions around the world. There's never been a better time to be a Lion.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Accounts Receivable Department via email [accountsreceivable@lionsclubs.org](mailto:accountsreceivable@lionsclubs.org) or via phone at 630-203-3810.

Very truly yours,  
Chancellor Bob Corlew



## Coakley Honored

Becky Coakley was awarded the Miguel Award by the American Foundation for the Blind at a ceremony on March 4th, 2017 in Washington, DC for her excellence in the work of low vision education. The Migel Medal was established in 1937 by M. C. Migel, the first chairperson of AFB. Its purpose is to honor those whose dedication and achievements have significantly improved the lives of people with vision loss. Past honorees include legendary disability-rights advocate Helen Keller, Senator Tom Harkin, social entrepreneur and engineer Jim Fruchterman, and renowned educators Kathleen Mary Huebner, Ph.D., and Philip H. Hatlen, Ed.D. Ms. Coakley was recognized for her years developing outreach programs in West Virginia, Saint Lucia, and other locations. She



is Director of Outreach at the West Virginia Eye Institute and director of the Children's Vision Rehabilitation Program (CVRP), and is familiar to many West Virginia Lions.

Learn more about the Eye Institute Outreach programs at:

<https://medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/eye/outreach/>

## Memorial Day Display

On Memorial Day Lion Dick Brockway of the White Sulphur Springs Lions and Lion J. W. Puckett of the Rainelle Lions greet each other in front of 11,476 American flags, one for each West Virginia Soldier killed in combat since World War I. The impressive display was constructed by the L.Z. Rainelle West Virginia Veterans' Reunion. The project was conceived by Lydena "Levi" Wyatt and displayed at the Mountaineer Veterans' Garden of Honor on Main Street in Rainelle. The garden dimensions are 106 feet x 109 feet. Lion Puckett was one of five that placed all of the flags.





## Quest Training Event

Lions Quest Skills for Growing or Skills for Adolescence training was held at Pineville Middle School, April 7 & 8, 2017. Sponsored by the Pineville Lions Club, District 29-C and the WV Lions Quest Core 4 Grant, forty-one Wyoming County teachers participated in the two-day workshop. Trainers were Barbara Cline from South Charleston, West Virginia and Frances Portillo from Oregon.

Lions Quest is a life skills and prevention program of the Lions Clubs International Foundation, implemented in more than 50 countries around the world. Lions Quest programs teach young people skills necessary for everyday success.

These skills include:

- Learning to accept responsibility
- Communicating effectively
- Setting goals
- Making healthy decisions
- Resisting pressure to use alcohol and drugs

Lions Quest programs:

- Provide high-quality, research-based classroom resources for teachers and age-appropriate learning material for students
- Present opportunities for students to learn and practice skills that build and enhance positive relationships
- Involve the family and community

West Virginia Lions attending the training included Pineville Lions Jo Browning and Traci Lewis, MD 29 Lions Quest Chairperson Fort Ashby Lion Sue Long, Mt. Storm Lions Jack and PDG Barbara Fischel, and Southridge Pacesetters Lion Barbara Cline.



*Teachers working in the Skills for Growing training.*



*Quest Trainers Barbara Cline and Frances Portillo, Lion Jo Browning, and the teachers from Pineville Middle School that participated in the Skills for Adolescence training.*

## Club News

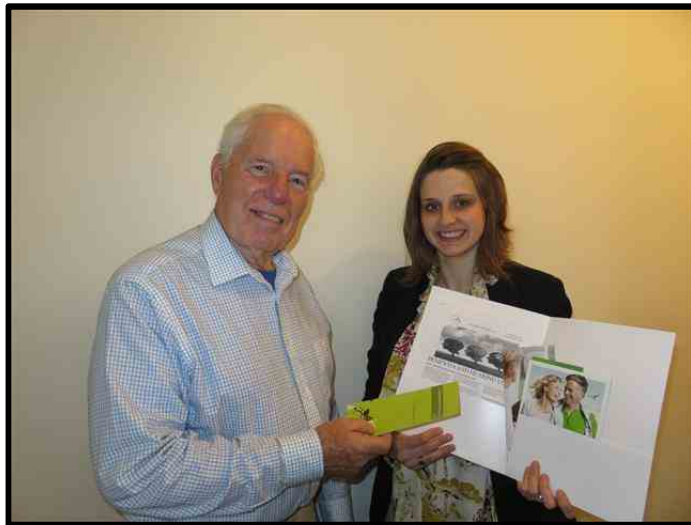
*The South Charleston Lions met May 8 with 23 Lions present, one new member and one guest. Special speaker for the meeting was Jon Putnam from Dow Chemical.*



*The South Charleston Lions had their installation of officers May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Little Creek Country Club. The installation was conducted by DGE Tom Crouser. Karen Gorby was named Lion of the year for the club and President Duane White presented her with a plaque. There were 25 Lions and three guests present.*



## Club News



*The White Sulphur Springs Lions had a special guest speaker for the May 8th meeting held at St. Thomas Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall. Kristin D. Shockey, Au. D., C.C.C.-A, Doctor of Audiology is shown presenting PDG Dick Brockway, Program Chairman, with literature regarding hearing loss. Dr. Shockey explained a new program to the area which assists people financially unable to purchase hearing aids. There is an extensive application process and the White Sulphur Springs Lions has assisted a member of the community complete the application and she is awaiting to receive word regarding approval.*

*Members of the White Sulphur Springs Lions Club take a break from selling hotdogs at the Dandelion Festival this past weekend to have a picture taken with the WVU Mountaineer (who is from Greenbrier County and who was visiting throughout town during the Festival).*



The Mt. Hope Lions Club will sponsor a golf tournament at Bridge Haven Country Club on June 10<sup>th</sup>. \$200 per team and \$100 hole sponsorship. The Club hopes other clubs will send a team or sponsor a hole. There will be plenty of food, drinks, and door prizes, not to mention a chance to win \$10,000. Trophies will be awarded. For more info, contact Mt. Hope President Bill McGraw (304-573-3705) or DG Biggs (304-575-2144).



## Woof! Woof! from Reo

*submitted by Lion Carolyn Sheets, Puppy Raiser*

I will be one year old June 2. This year has gone so quickly for me and I have learned several commands and been taken to so many different places by puppy-raisers Charles and Carolyn. This will be your last news article from me. I will go back to Pittsburgh June 3rd and Puppy Counselor will do the In-For-Training test to see how well I can stay focused on working, go through the commands, and relax among all the city noises and activities. The last time I went to Pittsburgh I rode the subway from downtown to Pirates Stadium. I did okay but those darn little flitty birds were my undoing. I was distracted when they landed in front of me. I tried to catch one but never did.

I've been getting in less trouble lately. Guess I'm maturing. However, puppy raiser Charles took me to the garden while he planted potatoes. I love to dig and all that soft dirt was so much fun. I dug holes and dug up potatoes and ate a few while he was planting. When he discovered this.....I got leashed to the Gator. I could hear him mumbling while replanting. What did he expect?? Humans are not so smart sometimes.

Last week I went to a big Mall. Charles bought some shoes and I quietly sat beside him. There were only escalators in the Mall and I'm not supposed to ride those for fear of getting a paw caught. We couldn't find stairs but did find an elevator. When we came out on the bottom floor we were right in the middle of the Food Court. Yum, Yum, what delicious odors. I was quickly whisked through. No one in the whole Mall told us to leave. I was wearing my Leader Dog Vest. I noticed whenever anyone looked at me walking by, a smile came to their faces. I am very handsome, I know. People were polite and asked if they could pet me but puppy raiser Charles or Carolyn would reply, "He is working and in training and we prefer you not, but thanks for asking." I would look at them and smile.



*Reo with the Fairmont Lions Club, May 2017*

I've been a very healthy and happy puppy. I heard puppy raiser Carolyn say several times she will be crying "the whole time" when they take me back. I know what she means. I will be sad too but am a little bit looking forward to furthering my education. I go back to Rochester Hill, MI, June 19. Professional trainers will train me for 4 or 5 months to be a Leader Dog for the Blind. I will have to do everything perfectly or I will not make it. Now, with my puppy raisers, if I get tired I just lie down and don't work anymore. I can't do that in training. If I don't make leader dog, I might be a companion dog, or other kind of service dog.

It's time to say, "So-long", to all you good Lions and friends. I have enjoyed visiting your clubs and reporting to you. My puppy raisers will continue to report of my progress. I will try to make you proud of me. **Where There's a Need There's a Lion.** I know there is someone out there that needs my help.

*Reo, Future Leader Dog*





## District 29-C Deceased Members July 1, 2016 – May 1, 2017

*data provided by PDG Charles Sheets from myLCI*

Club	Member	Joined
<b>Alderson</b>	Roloanda Dale Berry	04/01/2009
<b>Ansted</b>	Samuel A McVey	08/01/1994
<b>Bluefield</b>	Edward J McQuail III	08/01/2005
<b>Bluefield</b>	W T Moore	10/01/1960
<b>Bluefield</b>	Doris M Passan	05/01/2016
<b>Charleston Kanawha City</b>	Joe Fazio	09/01/1987
<b>Cross Lanes</b>	Kenneth L Fultz	06/16/2014
<b>Durbin</b>	Donald P Grogg	06/24/2014
<b>Durbin</b>	Richard H Reigel	10/01/1963
<b>Elk</b>	Fred Radabaugh	01/01/1975
<b>Fayetteville</b>	Louis A Rahall	05/01/1960
<b>Gary</b>	Larry Edward Heizer	12/07/2013
<b>Hinton</b>	Charles W Rodes	01/01/1987
<b>Hinton</b>	Arnold W Ryan	01/01/1987
<b>Logan</b>	Kenneth Nunley	11/01/1985
<b>Marlinton</b>	Charles M Richardson	10/01/1977
<b>Mount Hope</b>	Jennifer K Dickinson	06/01/1999
<b>Pineville</b>	Patricia Lewis	07/01/1987
<b>Richwood</b>	Abraham Khuri	08/01/1950
<b>Sissonville</b>	Charles E Bridgette	05/01/1983
<b>White Sulphur Springs</b>	Marilyn Leftwich	03/01/2000

## In Memorium

Harry J. Widney, 99 of Lewisburg, passed away Friday morning, May 12, 2017 at White Sulphur Springs Center. Born November 12, 1917 in Tyrone, PA, he was a son of the late Harry McGinley and Virginia Ray Fickes Widney. Harry was a 1935 graduate of Green Bank High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1939. He retired from Howes Leather Company after over 40 years of service where he was Superintendent and later General Manager.

Mr. Widney was a founding, and last surviving charter member, of the Durbin Lions Club. There were 32 charter members of the Durbin Lions at the 9/25/1946 Charter Night held at the Durbin Methodist Church. At that meeting Mr. Widney was voted to serve as 1st VP. He then moved up to President beginning July 1947 to June 1948. Beginning July 1950 to June 1951 he served as Secretary.

Among those left to cherish Mr. Widney's memory is his wife of 70 years, Dallas M. Propst Widney, whom he married on June 8, 1946.





**Ron Hensley West Virginia State Lions Golf Tournament**  
**Creekside Golf Course, Lavalette, WV**  
**400 Royal Birkdale Dr., Lavalette, WV 25535**

**Sunday, July 23, 2017, Registration at 7:30 am; Shotgun Start at 8:00**

<http://www.creeksidegolf.net>

The Lesage Lions Club invites you to join with your fellow Lion golfers in a joyful day of fellowship and athletic endeavor. Send your entry and registration fee in NOW!!!

**Format** This will be an 18-hole tournament with net and gross competition. All golfers are automatically entered as individuals, and there will be two and four Lion team competition.

**Fee** \$60 per player

**Cut-Off** We regret that we can only accommodate 72 golfers. Please register no later than July 17, so we can set up two and four lion teams and also mark all golf carts..

**Special Events** There will be a variety of bonus events such as longest drive, closest to the pin, and some others, yet undetermined, but sure to add to your golfing pleasure.

**Handicaps** Net scores will be computed according to the Calloway System as set out in USGA publication PB 1220, *Handicapping the Unhandicapped*.

**Awards** First and second place trophies for each event will be given. There will also be prizes for the special events. The White Sulphur Springs Lions Club very graciously and generously purchases the trophies. Most improved will be presented by Jim Hensley.

**Mulligans** Each participant will be given two free mulligans. One may be used on each nine.

**Half and Half** We will run a 50/50 drawing for the Sight Foundation.

**Eats and Awards** A meal by Buddy's B'BQ (including BBQ, baked beans, potato salad slaw and pop/water) and awards presentations will follow the tournament.

REGISTRATION FORM

(2 and 4 lion teams)

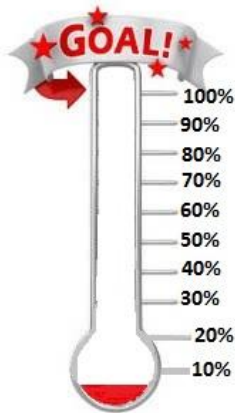
List additional players on the back of this form and give team assignments for all.

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Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose \$60.00 for each entry and send to: Robert Browning, Jr., PO Box 990, Pineville, WV 24874 304.546.1876 [rbrowningjr@yahoo.com](mailto:rbrowningjr@yahoo.com)

For more info contact: John Pinkerman 304-416-3045 [wvlions@comcast.net](mailto:wvlions@comcast.net)



## WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation

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A special **THANK YOU** to Lions Paul and PCC Patty Nutter for graciously donating a beef cow for raffle by the West Virginia Lions Sight and Conservation Foundation.

Dear West Virginia Lion:

By now, every club in the State of West Virginia should have received a packet of 20 books of Beef Raffle tickets. It is hoped that every effort will be made to sell/buy **ALL** the tickets before the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Four (4) happy recipients will each receive a quarter of a beef through this raffle, while helping fellow West Virginians with their sight and hearing needs. If you have not received your tickets, or if you wish additional books of tickets, contact me at the e-mail or phone number above.

Please return the stubs with a check in the amount of sales to me at the above address **before November 1, 2017**. The drawing will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Sight Foundation Meeting held during District C's Conference. **Keep in mind that every ticket sold has four (4) chances to win!** Additionally, if your club sells \$200 or more in tickets, your club will receive credit toward a Leonard Jarrett Award according to the amount of sales that are made. (This amount will be credited to the club account after the completion of this project.)

**PLEASE SEND CHECKS – WRITTEN TO THE “WV LIONS BEEF RAFFLE” – PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1, 2017**

Since the Sight Foundation is **YOUR** Foundation, it is my hope that every club in our state will participate in this project. **THANK YOU** in advance for your participation in making this raffle a success and helping our fellow West Virginians with their sight and hearing needs.

Thanks for all you do!

Lion Paul Amrhein, Beef Raffle Chair