



**Lions Club District 29-C Newsletter**  
**November 2019**



I want to thank the Mount Hope Lions Club and the Alum Creek Lions Club for all of their hard work in planning and organizing the district conference held at Country Inn and Suites this past weekend and I want to send a special word of thanks to Charlie Biggs for being an excellent conference chairman. It was a pleasure meeting ID Mike Banks and his wife Ann, he shared valuable information and an uplifting message of motivation and strategies for improving our clubs and increasing membership. We conducted educational sessions on using MyLion, tax exemption and leadership, and the West Virginia Sight Conservation Foundation that were well attended with great success and valuable information shared. We recognized and celebrated several stellar lions for their accomplishments and service to the community, Lions Marietta Lyall, Jim Slamick, and Loren Smith were recognized for their outstanding service by receiving the Presidential award, Lion Dee Quinn was recognized for his amazing service to our veterans, and Lions Carla Finch, Mike Fleshman, Lisa Amoroso, and Jason Smith were recognized as new voices in recognition for their contributions to lead in specific areas. We also recognized Randy Foster for his work in rebuilding the Gassaway club, congratulations out to Randy for a great effort. I also want to thank Lisa Keffer and her team for the wonderful decorations and Paul Wheeler for leading our registration efforts. I hope that everyone enjoyed the conference as much as I did and I truly appreciate the work that those involved put into making it a success.

I want to encourage all of our club secretaries to enter their club activities and service into MyLion and if you need help, please let me know and we can hook you up with Carla Finch or Charolette Henson to assist you with that process. We will be utilizing the numbers generated from the MyLion to determine the winners of the DG contest for the most impact and the largest percentage gain of new members.

Please keep the upcoming Leadership Retreat to be held in Flatwoods in January in mind, I have a newcomer scholarship available to cover the registration fee for someone that would like to attend the retreat for the first time.

I would like to start a specialty club in the near future, please contact me if you have a suggestion for where a specialty club might work.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Best,  
DG Gary

1st VDG Charolette Henson

For all who missed Fall Conference, you missed a good time and fellowship with our Lions friends. Thank you to DG Gary and all who made it a learning experience for all who attended.

Next years Fall conference will be November 6,7,& 8 at Pipestem State Park, Put this on your calendar and please plan to join us then.

It is time to work on membership and service projects. What better gift can we give this year then to invite friends and family members to join Lions,

One of the most rewarding things in Lions is when we can help someone. Some of the ways Lions help others include

eye glasses,hearing aids,helping with food pantry,providing coats and jackets,back packs, being there when someone is in need, this list can go on. The main thing is when you do something be sure to report it in [mylion.org](http://mylion.org), so others can see and share project ideas to help improve our clubs.

If you need help with mylion or anything please call I will be glad to help you through the process.

Remember to be thankful every day, for there are many people in need.

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#### FOSTER RECEIVES LIONS AWARD

At the October 10th Meeting Gassaway Lion President Randy Foster was presented the Lions “Club Rebuilding Award “ from District Governor Gary Boyd of the Alum Creek Lions.

The “Club Rebuilding Award “ recognizes Lions who were instrumental in rebuilding an existing club. Last year the Gassaway Lions received the “Club Excellence Award”.

DG Gary Boyd also installed 2 new members: County Commissioner Melvin “Buster” Gum, sponsored by Noel “Skeeter” Pletcher, and Lexi Pletcher, sponsored by her father Jon Pletcher.

Lion Lexi is the 4th generation of the Pletcher Family to join the Lions.

Other business conducted concerned Eyeglass Applications, scholarships, the Gun Raffle, and possible merger with the Burnsville Lions Club.

The Gassaway Lions Club meets on the 2d Thursday at Sigman’s (City) Diner on Elk Street. The Club encourages community minded people to consider joining.

Lions Club International is the largest public service organization with 1.4 million members. LCI’s main emphasis is Sight. The Lions motto is “We Serve”.



## WV Lions Youth Camps and Exchange Program

WV Lions Youth Camps and Exchange program is up and running for the 2019-20 Lion year. Scholarship Contest Rules and Scholarship applications have been sent to high schools throughout the state. News releases about the program have been sent to newspaper all across the state. The rules and application are on the WV Multiple District website: [wvlions.org/youth.html](http://wvlions.org/youth.html)

Our scholarship contest started in September and will end on November 15, 2019. I am now reaching out to EVERY Lion to help me get the word out to students, family, friends, co-workers and church families about the wonderful opportunity that is being offered. This year we hope to be able to send out six students each with a \$1,400 travel scholarship.

Last summer we sent two students abroad and received two students from Japan, two from Germany and one from Italy. Four students from WV applied to travel and two dropped out of the program. I was disappointed that we had so few students applying for a scholarship when you consider how big our state is.

I am also asking each of you to consider being a host family or recommending a family that you think might be interested in hosting a youth for a 4-6-week period during the summer. I am seeking families where one of the parents is home with the student. It is not necessary to have children at home. We have had very successful hosting with families with no children as well as those with children.

In order for the Youth Camps & Exchange program to be successful there must be host families around the world that are willing to host a foreign student. You say you don't speak a foreign language. My experience has been that most of the students in the program speak English at varying levels. This is an opportunity for them to improve their English speaking and reading skills as well as culture sharing between you and the student.

Don't be afraid to encounter an experience that will forever enrich your life and enable you to make a new life-long friend. My wife and I have hosted six students over the last several years and we want you to be able to know the joy that we have known by hosting.

Please contact me at [HenryK248@gmail.com](mailto:HenryK248@gmail.com) if you or someone you know would like to either be a host family and or recommend a WV student to apply for a scholarship.

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## DG Contest

List of clubs that have reported service projects in [mylion.org](http://mylion.org). and # activities reported.  
If you need help getting your activities reported please contact 1st VDG Charolette she will help you.

Alum Creek--1  
Campbell Creek--1  
Charleston West--1  
Crab Orchard MacArthur--13  
Durbin--5  
Ft. Gay--2  
Gassaway--4  
Gauley Bridge--1  
Pineville--7  
South Charleston-9  
Logan--7  
Marlinton--20  
Princeton--1  
Union--1  
White Sulphur SPRINGS—7

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Dee Quinn receiving an award for his hard work in serving veterans and Loren Smith receiving the Lions Presidential award for his dedicated service to the community.



## FROM DURBIN LIONS

The Durbin Lions Club enjoyed an evening of good food and fun on September 24, when we welcomed our District Governor, Gary Boyd, to our meeting. When we asked if he had any trouble finding this remote area of Green Bank, turns out he probably knew more spots, especially fishing sites, than most of us locals. We learned that he is an accomplished fly-fisherman and has been in the Green Bank area many times.

The fall weather has been exceptionally warm which helped present a nice warm welcome to DG Gary. The community center was decorated in fall colors and since it was also ladies night, a good number were in attendance. Our chef, Kevin Frazer, had a delicious meal with plenty of food to go back for seconds. Five members from Marlinton Lions and three members from White Sulphur were in attendance. A new member to the Durbin lions, Andrew Rider, was inducted that evening.

DG Gary is a very competent speaker, shows much interest in his clubs and a willingness to work for Lions. He gave us information on how to improve and better serve our community and the world. Information concerning the International Convention in Milan gave us a better perspective of our world organization and how our Durbin Lions Club fits into the larger picture. Thanks to DG Gary we ended the meeting with more knowledge about Lions and a renewed willingness to SERVE. All in all, it was a great evening.



## DISTRICT 29-C LIONS SPONSORS PEACE POSTER CONTEST

The Lions of District of 29-C sponsored Peace Poster Contests at four locations as part of a promotion of Lions Clubs International for the theme of "JOURNEY OF PEACE". The contest hopes to Inspire young people to showcase their talent and Create memories that will last a lifetime. Posters are evaluated on three criteria at each level of judging: originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Emily Garrett, a 7th grade student at Braxton County Middle School is this year's District 29-C winner. Other entries were from: Trenton Brock, Green Bank Middle; Adaliah Faucett, Horace Mann Middle, and Destiny Hall, Oceana Middle School in Wyoming County.

These posters are among thousands of entries submitted worldwide in the 30th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Out of 250 posters created by students District wide, the local winning entries best portrayed this year's theme. Lion Jim Slamick, Peace Poster Chairman, presented the winning students with Certificates of Achievement.

After reviewing the Peace Posters, District Governor Lion Gary Boyd said he was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students entries.

"It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions

The District's winning poster now advances to round two at the multiple district competition in West Virginia where it will compete against entries from many other schools or youth groups in the state. Emily Garrett's entry will face stiff competition through the district round and in three more rounds of the International contest. One international grand prizewinner will receive a trip to a special award ceremony with two family members at Lions Day with the United Nations. During the ceremony, the winning artist will receive an engraved plaque and a cash prize of US\$5,000.00. There will also be 23 merit winners that will receive a cash award of \$500 and a certificate of achievement. During the last 29 years, more than four million children from nearly 100 countries have participated in the contest.