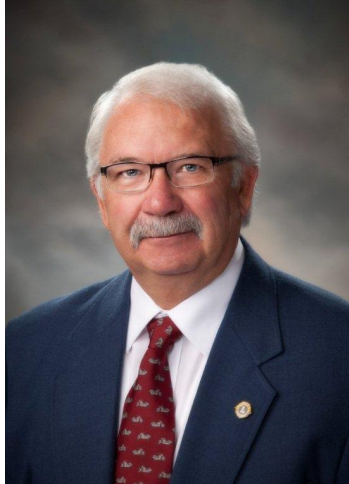


# DISTRICT 29-C NEWS



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## DG's Message

By DG Charles Biggs

Lions,

I am pleased to announce that at the February District Cabinet Meeting and Special Election, Lion Tom Crouser of the Sissonville Lions Club was selected as the new 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, replacing Lion Dale Fitzpatrick who resigned due to health issues. 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Crouser will become District Governor in July. We wish him the best and encourage all Lions to give him support and assistance.

The District still needs someone to step forward to fill the vacant 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG office. Please do so.

Let us all continue to recruit new members. Each new member and their sponsor will receive a special Limited Edition 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary membership or sponsorship pin, and the sponsors can earn up to four pins if the new member remains a Lion for one, two, and three years. For more info, visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and search for "centennial membership awards".

Please remember the MD 29 West Virginia Lions State Convention coming up soon. A registration form is attached to this newsletter, and is also downloadable

from the District website. It would be great to see lots of 29-C Lions at the State Convention!

Also, consider visiting Chicago for the LCI 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention. Register at the LCI website. Consult the November or December issues of this newsletter for information about Amtrak connections between West Virginia and Chicago.

Yours in Lionism!

DG Charlie

### DG Club Visits:

- Mar 2 – Ronceverte
- Mar 9 - Montgomery
- Mar 14 - Lewisburg

Don't forget the District 29-L Conference March 10-12.



## WV MD29 Convention

The 2017 MD 29 State Convention will be held April 28-30, 2017 at the Lakeview Resort near Morgantown, being hosted by the Cheat Lake Lions Club. A registration form is attached.

## LCI Items

### Important Dates

April 17-23 - Worldwide Week of Service to protect our planet  
April 22 – Earth Day  
June 1 – Helen Keller Day  
June 30 - July 4 – 100<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.lionsclubs.org) !

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For 100 years, Lions have served. Each and every Lion matters because they make their communities a better place for all. In celebration of our century of humanitarian service, we're working to serve more people than ever before. To do this, we need more caring people like you who want to make to make a real difference in the lives of others.

Did you know that every Lions club member serves an average of 70 people per year? That's why inviting your family and friends to join us in service is one of the most powerful ways we can serve more people and address unmet needs at home and around the world.

Plus, inviting new members and sponsoring new clubs is more rewarding than ever before. You and your club are eligible for special limited-edition Centennial rewards, including a pin and certificate, when you induct new members and sponsor new clubs.

If you haven't welcomed a new member into your club this year, make it a priority to do so before the end of the Lion year. Thank you for working to expand the service impact of your club and Lions Clubs International!

Very truly yours,  
Chancellor Bob Corlew  
Your International President



## Club News

*At right, a new member of the Gary Lions Club, Gwen Lacy, is pinned by Zone 11 Chairperson Pris Valko. Gwen is a second grade teacher at Fall River Elementary where she has been their Cheerleading Sponsor for many years.*



*The Gary Lions Club recently held a Valentine's Day Pancake Dinner. At left, a Lion flips heart-shaped pancakes at the dinner. Groundhog pancakes were also on the menu.*



*A display promoting the activities and accomplishments of the Gary Lions Club greeted patrons at the Valentine's Dinner.*

## Club News



*Marlinton Lions President Joe Laskey standing by one of three new road signs installed at the entrances of Marlinton. The new signs show that Lions International is 100 years old in 2017 and "where there's a need there's a Lion", plus the Club's meeting dates.*



*The Marlinton Lions Club has a repurposed mail box to collect used eyeglasses. Many thanks to Lion Del Cohrs who recently completely repainted and applied new decals to our collection box.*

*At the February 28, 2017, meeting of the Durbin Lions Club, new members Rudy Marrujo and Janice Cozart (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> from left) received their membership kit and Lions pins from President Lion Bob Sheets (3<sup>rd</sup> from left). Lion Rick Wooddell (left), Club Treasurer, was their sponsor.*



## Club News



*The Mighty Welch Lions receive District Governor Charlie Biggs at a Zone 11 Meeting. L to R: Welch President Frank Cooley, DG Biggs, PDG Garland Burke, and Welch Secretary David Falin.*

*Gary Lion Hondo Sadler honored with his 10 year Chevron from DG Charlie Biggs.*



*Lion Frank Cooley is honored with his 40 year Lions Chevron by DG Charlie Biggs.*

## PDG Valko Trip

During a recent trip South, Lion Pris and I had the opportunity to visit with Lions in Florida, including the Crystal River Lions and the Homosassa Lions. We came away with new Lions friends and some ideas to share.

*PDG Ken Valko*



*The Crystal River (Florida) Lions Club, chartered 1953, meets in the historic Crystal River train depot. During the Manatee Festival the lot was packed with cars. Because of its closeness to the activity the Lions charged a fee for parking. Good for the community; good for the Lions and for their projects.*



*The Homosassa Lions Club (Citrus County, FL) was chartered in 1970. Their spacious building is often rented out for community or private events. The club focuses on vision assistance with screenings, glasses, and surgeries.*



## Reo Again

*submitted by Lion Carolyn Sheets, Puppy Raiser*

Woof! Woof! Notice how my voice has changed? It is much deeper now but I can still Yip! Yip! At times. Puppy raiser Carolyn said I can sing "The Queen of the Night" aria from an opera The Magic Flute by Mozart, whatever that is. If I heard it I'm sure I would not like it.

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpVV9jShEzU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpVV9jShEzU)

When she plays the piano it sometimes hurts my ears and when she sings, I CAN'T STAND IT!!!! I start barking to cover up her sound. She should know my hearing is much more sensitive than hers.

To give you an update on all my travels during February, I've gone to a couple Lions meetings, the public library ( I don't feel any smarter), Trent's grocery & hardware store, where puppy raiser Charles spent most of the time in hardware and Carolyn bought some meat. That sure did smell good and I wanted to sniff around more. I did find the dog food aisle but was quickly whisked away. I also went to a big Lowes store and Home Depot. At the Lowes store, puppy raisers let us "park" outside the store (Durbin was along) but I was so busy sniffing where other dogs had been that I couldn't do anything. Puppy raisers got impatient and put Durbin back in the vehicle and took me into the big store. I really liked it. Saw lots of people but was led to the back of the store where lumber and folding tables were. I was being a good boy and leisurely walking beside puppy raiser and it hit me!!! I had to go and since we were in the back of the store there was no way I could make it outside so I JUST LET IT GO! WHAT'S A GUY TO DO????? I just did the solid stuff. No water. Puppy raiser Charles was in front of us but was called back with his plastic bag and quickly scooped it up. Carolyn had cleaning supplies and soon had the floor clean. Charles looked for a trash can but couldn't find one so he carried the sweet smelling bag with him. He was ahead of us and the Reo scent was wafting through the air as we



*Reo and big "brother" Durbin*

followed. Charles was looking for an item in the store and talking to a clerk. I noticed the man backed off as he was talking. When we got back to the vehicle I told Durbin what I did and he scolded, "You're 7 mos. old. I haven't done anything like that since I was 8 weeks old."

I left my urine scent in the Pets Plus store. I could smell another dog there. Puppy Raiser Carolyn always carries cleaning supplies and she had that wiped up in no time. I don't know why they make such a fuss. It's only natural.

My most fun time is when we're taken to the woods and can run anywhere free of leash. Durbin is the first to find things he should leave alone. He found an almost complete deer skeleton. All the flesh was gone but it sure was fun chewing on the bones. I found one leg and a couple small bones. We ran and chewed and ran some more. It took our puppy raisers a long time to finally grab my collar and throw the deer leg up in a tree and get me in the vehicle. They tricked me but I was getting tired anyway. They got the hide away from Durbin and got him in. Everyone was tired. I think they made us wait longer for our supper. I wasn't very hungry anyway.

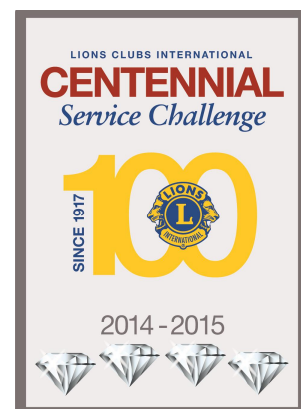
*Reo, Future Leader Dog*

## Upcoming Events

A Zone 9 meeting (clubs Alderson, Lewisburg, Ronceverte, Union, White Sulphur Springs) is planned for Monday, March 20 at 6:30 in Union at the Methodist Church on Main Street. These clubs will be contacted individually by Zone Chairperson Marietta Lyall, but in the meantime, if you have questions, call her at 304-645-1359.

A Zone 8 meeting is planned for Tuesday, March 21 at 6:45 pm. The host club will be the Rainelle Lions Club and the zone meeting will be held at the United Methodist Church in Rainelle. Participating clubs (Craigsville, Durbin, Marlinton, Rainelle, and Richwood) will be contacted later for their reports. Any questions, contact Zone 8 Chairperson Lion Phyliss Lucas at 304-799-6416.

A Pancake Supper sponsored by the Durbin Lions Club will be held Saturday, April 1 at the Arbovale Community Center, 4-7 pm. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, gravy, and beverages.





# Multiple District 29 State Convention Registration Form

Lakeview Resort and Conference Center  
Cheat Lake, Morgantown, WV  
April 28-30, 2017  
Registration: \$120



Hotel Rooms: \$99 plus 19% tax

Please make room reservations directly with Lakeview Resort at (304) 594 ó 1111  
by April 3, 2017.

*Make sure to say you are with the Lions for the special rate.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Guest or Lion: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: L C I First Timer: Y N

Meal Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ **Deadline to register is April 15, 2017.**

Make checks payable to MD 29 State Convention. PayPal option is available. Contact Lion Jordan for additional information.

Please mail completed registration to:  
Lion Jordan Glass  
127 Ashley Oaks  
Morgantown, WV 26505

If you have any questions please call 304-203-2005 or email [jmglass14@gmail.com](mailto:jmglass14@gmail.com).

