

# DISTRICT 29-C NEWS



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## We Serve Over 3,000 Years Worth

By DG Tom Crouser

That's right, this program year we celebrate Lions in District 29-C reaching milestones that add up to 3,205 years of total service. And that's not counting those who have reached milestones in past years and who are still serving. Not only that, but we have seven Lions with 50 years or more service that was recognized this year.

Here are the Lions who have earned their 30+ year service pins this program year.

Achieving **70 years** of service to Lions was **Charles Lake** of South Charleston and **Bill Simmons** of Alderson.

Close behind with **65 years** of service is **Joseph Sanders** of Bluefield, and **Lane Ellis** of Clay, with **60 years**.

Racking up **50 years** of service this year was **Harvey Galford** of Marlinton, **Jimmie Shires** of Bluewell, and **Charles Weatherford** of Fayetteville.

**Robert Hill**, Alum Creek, celebrated **45 years** of service this year and the following Lions achieved **40 years**:

**Oree Banks**, Charleston; **Steve Hedrick**, Lewisburg;

**Rudy Holbrook**, Ronceverte; **Melvin Lancaster**,

Charleston Campbell's Creek; **Joseph Laskey**,

Marlinton; and **Stephen Pridemore**, of Ansted.

Those with **35 years** of Lions Club service include:

**Lawrence Cassis**, Charleston Kanawha City; **Bruce**

**Cassis**, Fayetteville; **Frank Dawson**, Richwood;

**Phyllis Fisher**, Charleston West; **Michael Gabbert**,

Ronceverte; **Estil Hughes**, Craigsville; **Paul Ramsey**,

Ansted; **Brent Sears**, Charleston; **E. Duane White**,

South Charleston; and **Carlton Wood**, Chapmanville

And those compiling **30 years** of service include:

**Clifford Baker**, Lewisburg; **Albert Boothe**, Gauley

Bridge; **Jo Ellen Browning**, Pineville; **Jerry Campbell**,

Lewisburg; **James Gragg**, Marlinton; **Kenneth**

**Goodall**, Alderson; **John Paul Hardesty**, Glasgow

Cedar Grove; **Ronald Hassan**, Welch; **William**

**Heffner**, Flatwoods Heaters; **Paul Hodges**, Athens;

**Gary Johnson**, Richwood; **Robert Nunley**, Glasgow

Cedar Grove; **Sidney Oliver**, Clendenin; **Ron Povick**,

Sissonville; **Mavis Toler**, Man; **David White**, Alum

Creek; **Henry Walker**, Glasgow Cedar Grove; and

**Wayne Yonkelowitz**, Fayetteville.

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In addition to these fine Lions, **98 additional Lions** received service pins for 10, 15 or 20 years. And their service totals, by themselves, came up to 1,615 years. Add that to our 30+ year members and we have a total of **3,205 years' service** that have been recognized this year. And that doesn't count

those with service milestones in past years and who are still serving.

Wow. That's impressive. So, when you tell people in your community that, "We Serve," you'll now have something to back that up with.

**We serve!**

*DG Tom Crouser*

## Mark Your Calendars – DG Club Visits & More

March 13 – Lewisburg Lions Club & Zone 4 Meeting @ Danville Lions Club (DG @ Lewisburg)

March 27 –DG @ Campbell's Creek Lions Club

March 28 – DG @ Marlinton Lions Club

April 9 – DG @ Pineville Lions Club

April 10 – DG @ Danville Lions

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month. Issues will be posted soon thereafter. Send submissions by e-mail to: [rdnorrod@gmail.com](mailto:rdnorrod@gmail.com) or call (941)662-6770.

Editor Lion Roger Norrod



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



## 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Message

By VDG Charolette Henson



Spring is fast approaching, and now is the time to think of the many things we need to work on.

Membership: good time to do spring round-up, one new member for each club; elect officers and get your report to LCI and to the District Governor. If you send a copy to me I'll be glad to send to LCI.

Today was the first of a series of webinars on LCI. It was so very enjoyable and a learning experience. Please log into LCI and listen to it.

The WV State Convention is coming up May 4-6 at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown. Challenging every club to send at least one member to the convention.

Looking for some members to step up and become district officers. Need newspaper editor, rap chairman, leaderships chairman, zone chairman.

Please let 1st vdg Charlotte know if you like to help.

We serve is our motto .

Wanting to plan training, and other meeting thru out the district this next year. Please let me know what you like in your area.

Remember to get your service activities and membership reports in to mylci. If need help contact me.

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## Centennial Message – Who Doesn't?

By Lion Larry Johnson, MD 29 Centennial Coordinator

Does your club need new members, or more members? What club doesn't need more hands to do more service? Who couldn't use some new ideas for service projects or fund-raising? New members result in an injection of new blood to help energize and strengthen your club—even if you are already active and strong. Those Olympic athletes we've all been watching continuously exercise and work to gain strength for the task in front of them. We Lions can follow their example.

March is a particularly good time to have a membership campaign, even if you just did one a few months ago. We will be concluding our Centennial celebration at the International Convention in Las Vegas, and there are just a few months left to receive the special Centennial Membership Awards that come from sponsoring a new member.

The sponsor of a new member immediately is recognized with a Centennial Sponsor limited edition pin and certificate. Once the new Lion remains a member for a year and a day, the sponsor receives a limited edition Silver Centennial Pin, and their name is featured on the LCI Centennial website. Once the new Lion remains a member for two years and a day, the sponsor receives a limited edition Gold Centennial pin, their name featured on the LCI Centennial website, and recognition at area forums and district conventions. When the new member remains a Lion for three years and a day, the sponsor will receive a limited edition Diamond Centennial pin, name featured on the LCI Centennial website, recognition at area forums and district conventions, and recognition at LCI's International Convention.

Full details on the recognitions, as well as club recognition, are available at the Member Center section of lionsclubs.org. Plan your membership effort now so there will be more Lions to share in your efforts to serve.



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



## LCI Items

### Important Date

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

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

### LCI President's Message

Not bound by the chains of the past, emboldened by its aura of freedom, America a century ago was an incubator of innovation. There was jazz. The Broadway musical. And, a social movement, Lions Clubs, the first group of any stature to dedicate itself to community service.

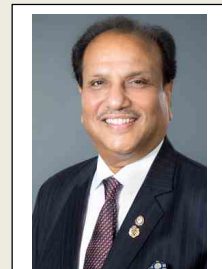
As Lions grew in numbers and influence, we were wonderfully open to new ideas, new ways of doing things. Lions didn't always conceive of an intriguing original idea, but we quickly adopted it and helped popularize it: service dogs for the blind, eye banks and the white cane. To get where we wanted to go, to serve efficiently and broadly, Lions did not ever hesitate to do things differently and creatively.

The spirit of innovation continues to be a hallmark of clubs, districts and Lions Clubs International. Whether it's a homeless shelter that provides vocational training for children, raising awareness of the need to recycle through a Trash Fashion Show or, ingeniously, making lawn decorations such as pumpkins and snowmen out of beetle-killed trees to raise money, Lions refuse to simply replicate worn-out service methods but instead invigorate communities with fun, clever and inspiring events and activities that help those in need.

This being the digital age, our innovation extends to social media and smartphones. MyLion, a world-class mobile app, is dramatically changing the way we serve and communicate. It's a brave new world indeed, and Lions are courageously blazing new digital trails. The world is speeding up, spinning faster and increasingly becoming a true global village. MyLion puts us in the heart of the town square, able to be a linchpin of social improvement, thanks to our communication prowess.

All of this leads me to ask: how is your club doing? If it works for you, keep doing it. If you know you can do better, be brave and be innovative. After all, being daring is part of our Lion DNA. It's a cliché, but we are the king of the jungle, distinguished by our courage to stride fearlessly forward. I wish you the best this year in your service and know, based on a century of success, that as Lions you will reach your goals.

Naresh Aggarwal  
Lions Clubs International President



## Leader Dogs Newsletter

*By Lion Carolyn Sheets, 29-C Leader Dog Chair*

Lions,

I want to encourage everyone to read the latest issue of Leader Dogs newsletter *Update*. There are several articles by clients which I know everyone will find interesting and informative. But if you only have time to read one, then read the one about glaucoma on page 9. Also, when you see the golden retriever puppy Gibson, scroll to page 15 and see Gibson as an adult.

This issue of *Update* has something for everyone. Please take a few minutes and click on the link below:

<http://ow.ly/yJkb30iKIAF>

For more information about Leader Dogs, visit their website at:

<http://leaderdog.org/>

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## Youth Camps & Exchange Program

By Chair Henry Krautwurst



Hello fellow Lions,

As we move into the spring season the Youth Exchange activity is beginning to increase. To date I know we will need to have host families for as many 7 students. While I have arranged for 4-5 host families to date, I will be short if we get the number of students I expect. We need to locate families where one of the adults can be at home with the student. Teachers are a good fit to be a host family. I ask that you consider hosting a student for a period of 4-5 weeks during the upcoming summer. For more information please contact Henry Krautwurst - HenryK248@gmail.com

Lion Henry

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## My Trip to Peru

By Jordan Means



Over the summer, I embarked on a journey I will never forget. I went to Lima, Peru for six weeks. My host family, who are the most kind, and amazing people, will always be in my heart. Monica and Carlos Soto, my host family, did so much for me, and they made me feel so at home. I also fell in love with their dog ,FIFA. We will be life long friends, and hopefully will get to see each other in the near future. On the first day I arrived, it was strange driving through the crazy Lima traffic. I remember being so tired from my flight, yet I was so astonished by the city. When we finally arrived home from the airport, it was time to go to bed. That next morning we were getting in a plane and going to Tarapoto for vacation.

Getting off the plane in Tarapoto was different than in Lima. In Lima it was very chilly, while it was very humid in Tarapoto. We spent three nights in the jungle of Tarapoto. The first day, we took a tour of Lamas. The scenery here was amazing, and I loved learning about the history of the town. On the second day, we went on a hike to a waterfall. That night we met up with Carlos's family. We danced and listened to Peruvian music. It was interesting watching them dance. They seem to always be relaxed, and have fun in Peru. Their life styles are so different from ours. On the last day, and went rafting, and zip lining. Now it was time to head back the Lima.

My first week in Lima, I tried a lot of different foods, and visited many new places. I tried a cows heart, and drank Inca Cola. During this first week, Monica and I really got to know each other. We went out almost everyday so I could get to know the city. Going to the market was really interesting. It smelled like dead animal, but it was neat seeing all the stands and what the people were selling. I figured out their

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carrots are bigger than ours, but their lemons are way smaller than ours. They have many more fruits in Peru than we have here. We took a long walk along the ocean, and took some amazing pictures. The view of the ocean and city was breathtaking. Mira Flores, was one of my favorite districts we visited. The mall on the ocean was an amazing spot to just relax and have lunch. At the end of the week, I got to visit Monica's school that she worked at, and I had the chance to meet the students. I found it interesting that preschool students are taught in 50% English and 50% Spanish. The children were so kind, and understood so much English. On the weekends we would stay up and play board games all night. The first week it was a little hard to sleep because of the city noise, but I eventually got used to it. When I arrived home, I couldn't sleep, because I had gotten so used to the noise at night.

Later in my trip, we visited Barranco and Centro de Lima. Centro de Lima kind of reminded me of being in Europe. The buildings were all very old, and had amazing detail work. We had lunch there, and ate Chifa "Chinese with a Peruvian twist". I also rode the bus for the first time in Peru. That weekend we went to Festival Del Mar. I tried picarones, which is kind of like a donut. We rode many carnival rides, and listened to a band play. The next morning we woke up, and went on a tour to Huacachina. Huacachina is a town in the middle of the desert. We rode dune buggies around the desert, and went sand boarding. It was really fun, and I would love to do it again one day.

While in Peru, I also had the opportunity to go to one of the poorest places in Peru and volunteer at a school. This really made me open my eyes up and see the reality. The children touched my heart. I wanted to do so much more for them. We have a classroom full of textbooks, I pads, and air conditioning. All they have are tables and chairs. It made me see how lucky we are. We take advantage of everything we have. We go to school and never think about how lucky we are to get a good education. It broke my heart when I left this little school. As I hugged the children and said goodbye, I thought I want to do more. Thinking about it for a while now, I think I'm going to raise money for the school, and the organization that I went to the school with. We have so much, it won't hurt to try and help the children in Peru.

My last week in Peru was very fun but sad. We went to the Peruvian circus, and on Independence Day, we went to a dinner and dance show. These two events allowed me to see the cultural dances and hear the music from different places. The dances from Lima are so different than the dances in the highlands. We also visited Callao. Carlos showed me where he went to school, and he told me all about the district. I got to go down into a submarine, and visit Real Felipe Fortress. This fort was built to protect Peru from pirates. When I left the next day, I was so sad. I hated to leave, but all good things must come to an end. I got on the airplane thinking about how Lima would always be in my heart. I now have a second family. That family might live a long way away, but I will be back to visit soon. It wasn't goodbye, but it was see you later.

This trip allowed me to see life from a different point of view. Here, we always walk around on our cell phones and never really communicate. In Peru, they are always talking, and socializing. It is normal to have friends over on the weekends, and just hang out. We are always so serious. In Peru they relax and live life. They know how to have fun, and they always seem to be happy. The culture there is so different than the culture in the states. Although I had the chance to see the nice parts of Peru, seeing the less fortunate parts of Lima made me think a different way. It made me realize how fortunate I really am. I want to thank the Lions Club for giving me this opportunity, and the Soto's for hosting me. It truly changed my life for the good.

Again thank you,  
Jordan Means  
Aug 2017





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February 18, 2018

TO: Lions Clubs of District 29-C, Cabinet members of 29-C, Past District Governors and Past International Directors

The members of the Alum Creek Lions Club are proud to announce our endorsement of Lion Gary Boyd for Second Vice District Governor for the 2018-2019 Lions Club year.

Lion Gary Boyd brings to our district a unique perspective having served as President of the Cheat Lake Lions Club in District 29-I during the 2011-2012 Lions fiscal year. He moved to the Charleston area when he accepted a job as Director of Facilities at the University of Charleston.

Lion Gary, having the heart to still serve in Lionism, joined the Alum Creek Lions Club. In our Club he has served on the Board of Directors and as President in 2016-2017. He is currently serving as Zone Chairman of Zone 4 for District 29-C. He also serves on the state level of Lions by serving on the Liaison Committee for the West Virginia Eye Institute. Lion Gary is also a Leonard Jarrett Award recipient given by the Cheat Lake Lions Club.

He has many accomplishments outside of Lionism. He earned a Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from West Virginia University. He belongs to Trout Unlimited where he has helped with many trout restoration projects. Lion Gary has served as President of the West Virginia Association of Physical Plant Administration and is still an active member. He is also a member of the West Virginia Bow Hunters Association and the North American Hunting Club.

Before all things, he is a dedicated family man. He has been married to his wife Kelly for 35 years. He has two children, Ryan and Ashlee. Ashlee is a Past President of the Cheat Lake Lions Club. Lion Gary and Kelly also have three grandchildren, Levi, Seneca and Sadie.

Again, the Alum Creek Lions Club is happy to endorse Lion Gary to part of the leadership of District 29-C with the position of Second Vice District Governor. His professionalism, leadership and heart of service will go a long way to help Lions throughout the District to grow into becoming better Lions.

Sincerely,

Lion Mandy Ross, Secretary of the Alum Creek Lions Club

On behalf of the Alum Creek Lions Club





# LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

LEADER DOG NEWS FOR LIONS - MAR 2018

## BILL GRAHAM AND LEADER DOG GIBSON



When Lion Bill Graham began losing his sight, he already knew of organizations to turn to for support. First, he got assistance from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), then he came to Leader Dog for orientation & mobility (white cane) training.

Soon after, Bill and his wife moved from rural Georgia to Raleigh, North Carolina. "Unfortunately, between us and Raleigh is a five-lane road and thousands of cars speeding along each day," says Bill.

Bill decided that the time had come to get a guide dog. He was soon training with Leader Dog Gibson, a friendly golden retriever. "Gibson is doing absolutely everything I need him to do," boasts Bill. "I can cross the busy road safely. Gibson has helped me cross a barrier I just couldn't navigate alone."

"Lions and Leader Dog are two great organizations. I'm honored to be a part of both," says Lion Bill, Leader Dog chair for district 31-S.



Bill Graham and Leader Dog Gibson train in Florida under the supervision of Guide Dog Mobility Instructor Sarah Duyck.



IN EVERY LEADER DOG  
LIES THE HEART OF A LION.

A Leader Dog partner since 1939.

## CLUB HIGHLIGHT

Burley Lions Club—Spudman Triathlon

"Spudman is an important event in our community, and many people volunteer to make it happen every year" posted Stephanie Wright Curtis on the Burley (ID, district 39-W) Lions Club's Facebook page. Every year on the last Saturday in July, triathletes complete a grueling 1.5K swim down the Snake River, then bike a 40K and run a 10k across the picturesque backdrop of Idaho. By donating a portion of the proceeds from this event to Leader Dog every year, the Burley Lions Club has consistently ranked as a Top Dog Club (an annual gift of \$5,000 or more).

Great job Burley Lions!

## LIONS IMPACT ON LEADER DOG

*"Thirty seconds of a Lion's time can change a person's life. Anyone can do that by telling someone about Leader Dog."*

-PDG Tom Simmons, a Leader Dog client (AZ, district 21-C)

## WAYS TO GIVE

Your club can now show your support in a new way, through a Puppy Sponsorship. For \$500, you receive:

- Puppy Photos
- Puppy Profile
- Banner Patch
- Certificate of Sponsorship

Sponsor online at [LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy](http://LeaderDog.org/sponsor-a-puppy) or contact Kathy Gilchrist, Lions relations specialist, at 248.659.5012.



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[LeaderDog.org/Lions](http://LeaderDog.org/Lions)

FOLLOW THE LEADER



**2018 Multiple District Convention Registration Form**

**May 4-6, 2018**

Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa

Registration Fee: \$100.00 per person for full weekend  
(Includes four meals, entertainment both nights, seminars, and more!)

For Friday night dinner and activities only: \$40.00

For Saturday Luncheon and activities only: \$30.00

For Saturday night dinner and activities only: \$50.00

Hotel Room: \$109 per night plus all applicable taxes for single or double  
occupancy.

**Make room reservation directly with Lakeview at (304) 594-1111 by April 10, 2018.  
Make sure that you tell them you are with the Lions MD Convention for the special rate.**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

If any meal restrictions, please indicate here \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ If you are not paying for full registration, please indicate  
here which events that you are paying for \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to 2018 MD 29 Convention.** PayPal option is available by contacting  
Steve Glass. **Please mail completed registration by April 20, 2018** to PID Steve Glass at  
191 Ridgeway Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330.

If you have any questions, please contact PID Steve Glass at 304-203-2988 or [scjglass@aol.com](mailto:scjglass@aol.com).