

THE HYLONOMUS HOOT



DG Ken & Lion Pris Valko

March Message

By DG Ken Valko

March greetings to 29 - C. Hopefully we have placed our shovels in and will start to enjoy the daffodils popping out. This month will see Pris and I visiting Hinton, Lewisburg, Chapmonville, Ronceverte, Campbells Creek, and Summersville. We will also Visit DG John Wensyel at his 29 - L Conference.

This will also hopefully be a month of March Membership Madness. The flowers will be coming out and we should be going out and picking our bouquet of members as well as flowers. With election of officers comes this reminder that each officer is responsible for their duties. The duties to guide, have fun, and report club activities to International and the district .

Located in this issue of the Hylonomus Hoot one will find a few ways to get the youth involved in your club and community service. Please note the message from Lion Sue Via. A student is wishing to visit the U.S. and is looking for a host family to take them in.

Yes, winter has given us some time to think and plan

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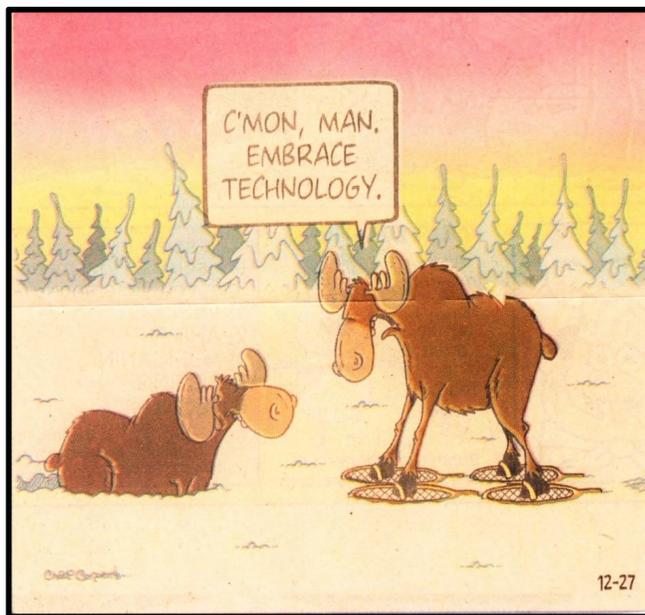
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our spring and summer activities on our calendars. Let us not forget to set club goals, get officers set, and plan the one youth activity, remembering to, "Change with Creativity".

In closing, First Lady Pris and I wish you all a happy spring and a wonderful membership picking time.

And, Continue to "**Change with Creativity**"

DG Ken



Dear Lions of 29-C,

There is a young man from Finland who wishes to come to West Virginia this summer, if we can find a family to provide a home. If you can spread the word, I would be grateful. I have information about him which I can share if you find someone who is interested.

Thanks for your help.

Sue Via
 Youth Exchange Chair
bevia@frontier.com

DG Club Visitation Schedule

	MARCH
14	Chapmanville
17	Ronceverte
22	Campbells Creek
28	Summersville
	APRIL
05	Richwood
07	Princeton
12	Glasgow - Cedar Grove
14	Oak Hill
18	Man
19	Logan
26	Sissonville

	MAY
03	Southridge - Pacesetters
09	Wayne
17	Hamlin
23	St Albans



Rainelle Club News

Lion Fred Foster (Right) of the Rainelle Lions Club put his sheetmetal and carpentry skills to use and made a tumbler to use in the club's raffle drawings. Lion Fred also made a stand to display the rifle which the club raffled off for their fall fundraiser.

Pictured with Lion Fred and his handiwork is then Rainelle Lions President Larry Yankey.

Ethan Butler (center) of Lewisburg was the lucky winner of the Mossburg gun at the drawing held on November 21. Pictured with Ethan on the left is Brent Crookshanks of Park Center Sporting Goods in Rainelle and Lion Larry Yankey (right).



Durbin Lions Meeting

By Lion Carolyn Sheets
Durbin Lions



It was spouse's night at the Durbin Lions meeting on February 23rd, with about 30 members and spouses in attendance. Our Chef, Kevin, prepared another delicious meal.

Lion Charles Sheets attended the WV Lions Leadership Retreat in Charleston on January 29-31, 2016, and reported that Dr. Gordon Gee, WVU President, was keynote speaker. Pocahontas County was well represented by having Chris Worth and his brother Wayne Worth, adopted children of Judd Worth of Pocahontas County, as inspirational speakers at the retreat.

Lion Charles brought before the group several new ideas to be considered to make Durbin Lions stronger and be able to contribute more to the community.

Dates to remember were:

- Pancake dinner will be Saturday, April 2, from 4:00pm to 6:30.
- Lion Raymond Swadley will be visiting April

12, 2016. Some of his former students plan to attend.

- Plans for the Durbin Lions' 70th Anniversary are underway, with a celebration in the Fall of 2016. The design of an anniversary pin will be considered by a committee.
- Raffle tickets for a gun will be sold again this year and the drawing will be during Durbin Days.
- Snowshoe's Treasure Mountain Raffle Tickets are now available. They are \$100 per ticket. \$10 of each ticket sold goes back to Durbin Lions Club.

An average of \$2,000 is given back to the community by the Durbin Lions each year, such as donations to families in need, food pantry, eye glasses for those in need and school sponsored trips, etc. Durbin Lions spend many hours of service testing eyesight of school children, volunteering for school activities, Durbin Days, and other community activities.



Several Durbin Lions members received perfect attendance pins for 2015 at the club meeting on February 23rd.

L to R – President Bob Sheets, Bill Reese, Charles Sheets, Rick Wooddell, Linda Stewart, Carolyn Sheets, Donnie Waybright, Harold Crist, Suzanne Stewart.

Lions Day at the WVU Eye Institute

The WVU Eye Institute is hosting the 2016 Lions Day on Saturday, April 23, starting at 1:00 pm. WV Lions Club members and their families are invited to the afternoon event in which the WVU Eye Institute honors it's partnership with the West Virginia Lions Clubs. There will be speakers, tours, and other activities during the event. Please RSVP to Kim Ebert at (304)598-4861.

Leo Clubs

MOTTO

The Leo club motto — **Leadership, Experience, Opportunity** — says it all:

LEADERSHIP: Leo members acquire skills as project organizers and motivators of their peers.

EXPERIENCE: They discover how teamwork and cooperation can bring about change in their community and the world.

OPPORTUNITY: Leos develop positive character traits and receive recognition for their contributions.

A Message from the LCI Membership Task Force

This year has been an exciting time to serve on the LCI Board. Not only are we anticipating a grand gala to celebrate 100 years of service; but also, the Directors of North America have unified in a common message, which we have been sharing at each of our visits. While Lions have always lead with service, the impact that we have by adding additional hands is being highlighted. A new club will serve over 1000 people in the first year of existence. However, a club that has a negative membership trend experiences a steady decline in the number of people served. Hence, the power of One new club, One new Lion or One Lion retained must be explained.

Having completed a preliminary test of the material, which was rolled out in January, 2016, we met to review our progress toward reversing a 40 year negative trend in membership. The overall reviews were positive. The reaction that has been most revealing is that most clubs have not held an organized "Membership Growth Event" on a regular basis. Hence, we as leaders must take the time to explain that an organized event which results in 3 new members translates into 150 children or adults with vision needs served; 150 youth served; or 150 hungry people fed. We make a difference.

The second phase of the "North American Director's Membership Initiative" is to seek the support of the Past Directors. As you make official visits, please take the time to mention the benchmarks outlined in the "Talking Points", which have been developed in cooperation with LCI Staff and the GMT:

Each Lion has the opportunity to participate in a hands-on project 4 times per year.

Each club ends the year with a net membership gain of +1 or more.

Each district charters one new club of 20+ members annually.

We believe that these three benchmarks will reverse our negative membership trend, while enhancing retention.

Further, as a leader within our association, may I ask, on behalf of the North American Directors Membership Task Force, that you use your influence within your Multiple District to insure that this year, you end with each district chartering at least one new club.

Please know that your assistance is much appreciated. In fact, the members sponsored, because of your extra effort, may be the very one who identifies a child with a fatal eye condition, helps a diabetic child to learn to take care of himself or even develops a program to increase food productivity and eliminates world hunger.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to join us in a common message which highlights the theme, "Invite for Impact".

For the Task Force:

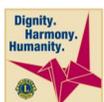
Jerome Thompson, Chair

Don Shove

Lewis Quinn

Robert Littlefield

Mel Bray



MD 29 Conference Registration

The West Virginia Lion 2016

**Registration for 94th Annual West Virginia State
Convention at Pipestem Resort State Park**

April 8, 9, and 10, 2016


We Serve

Registration is \$105 per person.

Price includes: Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch & Dinner, Sunday Lunch

Name: _____ Club Name: _____

District: L C I State/Club Title: _____

Phone Number _____ Email: _____

Amount Paid \$ _____ for _____ number of attendees.

Any other person attending with your party: _____

Make Checks Payable to: West Virginia Lions State Convention
PO Box 33 Pax, WV 25904

For Room Reservations Contact the Pipestem Resort State Park. (304)
466.1800

Rooms will be \$82.00 plus tax per night. When you call say you are part of
the "Lions Convention."

For more information contact Conference Chair PCC Dennis Keffer at
304.228.002 or email mastertekjim@netscape.com

***Sunday Breakfast is to be paid to your District Secretary/Treasurer**

*Help make this Convention a great one. We will be holding a Silent Auction and giving door prizes.
Please contact Lion Terry Skeens at 304.253.5317.

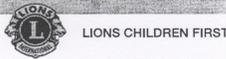
Multiple District 29 7

Dear Lions of 29-C,

We will be having the Strides Walk at the state convention and monies raised go to the Children's Vision Rehabilitation Program (CVRP) and Camp Kno-Koma. Clubs can donate the day of the walk as a club or individuals.

Laura Blake
MD-29 Diabetes Chairperson





25 PROJECT IDEAS TO SERVE CHILDREN

1. Organize a monthly food drive and donate collections to the food pantry.
2. Provide meals at a homeless shelter.
3. Assist with a school lunch program.
4. Make hygiene kits for children at homeless shelters.
5. Collect children's clothing and shoes for a shelter for battered women and children.
6. Collect suitcases or backpacks for orphaned children; fill with school supplies.
7. Work with healthcare professionals to provide free immunizations.
8. Work with healthcare professionals to provide health screenings or free clinics to provide physical, dental, hearing exams; and follow up with assistance, if necessary (professional referrals, assistive devices).
9. Assist at children's camps focusing on diabetes, blindness, deafness or hearing loss, and other camps serving children with special needs.
10. Make baby supply kits for newborns in need.
11. Collect safe soft toys (no small, removable parts) and/or coloring books for a children's hospice or children's hospital.
12. Supply Braille and large-print books for children who are blind or visually impaired.



RUNNING A LEO CLUB

PLANNING SERVICE PROJECTS

The Lions publication, *Community Needs Assessment* (MK-9), can help Leos organize a community service project and is available on the Lions Web site in the Member Center section. When organizing a project, Leo clubs should:

Identify a community need. A good place to start may be a food or clothing drive. Or, consider if the community needs a new playground, nature trail or recycling center.

Contact other community organizations. Verify that other organizations or government agencies are not currently undertaking this project or planning to do so in the near future.

Calculate costs. Assess the current financial and membership resources within the club. If needed, consider creating a joint project with another Leo club or with the sponsoring Lions club.

Complete the details. Establish a timeline. Obtain permission from the school and legal clearance/permits from local authorities, if necessary. Obtain all necessary supplies.

Publicize the project. Inform the media about the project. Place large signs throughout the area, if appropriate. See page 21 of this handbook for an explanation of Leo emblem use.

PROJECT IDEAS

Social service

- Visit children in an orphanage or the pediatrics ward of a hospital.
- Collect and distribute food and clothing for those in need.
- Help a senior citizen with household chores.

Environment

- Plant tree seedlings.
- Organize a roadside or beach clean-up campaign.
- Adopt an endangered species.
- Teach the community about the benefits of "going green."

Literacy and culture

- Collect school supplies for students in need.
- Donate books to a local library.
- Organize a talent show.

Health services

- Distribute information about HIV/AIDS.
- Assist health care professionals during vision, hearing or diabetes screenings.
- Collect and distribute eyeglasses.
- Distribute information about diabetes prevention.

International service projects

- Participate in the International Club Twinning Program.
- Host a party for Lions International youth exchangees.
- Organize a shoe recycling project and donate the shoes to countries in need.

Plant tree seedlings.

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WVU Eye Institute & Lions Outreach

Kids Insight, a joint project of the Saint Lucia Blind Welfare Association (SLBWA), the Lions Clubs of St. Lucia, and the West Virginia Eye Institute addresses the vision needs of children in St. Lucia with blinding eye conditions. *Kids Insight* offers a comprehensive approach to pediatric eye problems, including surgical, medical, educational, and rehabilitation needs. Every year since 2003, a committed team from West Virginia, USA has volunteered their time and expertise to help our children. The work completed during their visits is the result of year-long planning and organization from St. Lucia and West Virginia Eye Institute. In December 2015, five clinics held by the *Kids Insight* team examined 149 adults and children, and completed over 40 surgeries.

***Kids Insight* Team 2015:**

- Becky Coakley, CVRP Coordinator and Low Vision Education Specialist
- Dr. Allison Bardes, Ophthalmology Resident
- Dr. James Miller, Retinal Specialist
- Dr. John Nguyen, Ocular-Plastic Surgeon
- Lisa Dudley, Refraction Technician
- Denise Godin, Coordinator St. Lucia, SLBWA
- Kevin White, Coordinator St. Lucia
- Wayne Monrose, Coordinator, St. Lucia Gros Islet Lions Club



The Kids Insight team in St. Lucia, December 2015.



In Memorium

Robert Fred Radabaugh, 85, of Elkview and a member of the Elk Lions Club, passed away Wednesday Feb. 17, 2016 at Ruby Memorial Hospital. Fred served from 1953 to 1955 in the U.S. Army. Fred was a teacher, principal and central office administrator for Kanawha County Schools from 1956 to 1984. He was elected to the Kanawha County Board of Education in 1986 and served as president from 1990 to 1992. Fred was the executive director of the West Virginia Association of School Administrators from 1993 to 2002. He held offices in the Elk Lions Club and the Optimist Club of West Charleston.

Johnny T. Mallamaci, 91, of Welch passed away February 1, 2016. He was a member of the Lions for 50 years. Graduated from Welch High School, he volunteered for the military and flew 26 missions over Europe as a Turret Gunner and Radio Operator. He was awarded several honors for his military service. After his war time service, 45 years were devoted to the postal service as a Postman. Much of his time was given to coaching Little League baseball, officiating football and basketball, golf and bowling. Mallamaci loved his church, St Peter`s Catholic Church, and the Mighty Welch Lions Club. Most of all, He loved God, family and friends.



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**ANNUAL LEWISBURG LIONS CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT
TO SUPPORT ALL TYPES OF EYE CARE NEEDS OF LEWISBURG
AREA RESIDENTS**

1st Prize - \$400 • 2nd Prize - \$250

3rd thru 5th - Golf For 4

**4-Person-Team Captain's Choice - \$250 Per Team
(\$300 Per Team on April 27th)**

TOTAL TEAM HANDICAP MUST BE 40 or MORE

\$100 Hole Sponsorships, Door Prizes & Cash Donations Accepted

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Lewisburg Lions Club, P.O. Box 1215,
Lewisburg, WV 24901**

**CONTACT: Lion Ben Lewis at 304-645-7260 or
bpmlewis3@yahoo.com**

• WHEN •

**SHOTGUN-START, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH, 1:00 PM
DICKEY'S BBQ BOXED LUNCH AT NOON**

• WHERE •

LEWISBURG ELKS COUNTRY CLUB AT 304-645-3660