



Lions Club 29-C Newsletter  
May 2020





## District 29C Newsletter - May 5, 2020

### New Officers on the Horizon

I hope everyone is staying safe and connected as we endure the impact of COVID19. We have received mail-in ballots from many clubs for the election of our district officers for the upcoming year, a second approved option for voting is to drop your ballots off at the Alum Creek park between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm on 5/9/20. We will have a drop box set up and will be practicing safe social distancing. The votes will be tallied from the outdoor stage and the winners will be announced shortly after. For those that will be delivering your ballots on Saturday we are also requesting that you bring nonperishable food items that will go directly to the Salvation Army food bank for immediate use.

It is great to see Lions staying connected in creative ways and continuing to make an impact on their communities. I had the privilege of attending a virtual meeting to start the planning process for developing a campus club at the University of Charleston. I would like to thank the NAMI Youth Development Team for supporting this initiative and in particular

I want to thank Jordan Glass, Steve Glass, and Daniel Elkins for their efforts to move the development of this club closer to a reality.

Please continue to reach out to your neighbors, friends, and relatives that may be interested in community service and invite them to serve their communities as a member of the Lions organization.

Please keep in mind that District 29C will hold an 2019/2020 award gathering as soon as it is safe to get together.

Please stay healthy and safe!

DG Gary Boyd

May is here and hopefully spring soon will be!

Election of the district officer is this Saturday at 1 pm at Alum creek. Hope to see several of you out

If you are interested in helping with district cabinet this next year please let me know.

Lots has been going on LCI has offered lots of program on the internet help some of you are taking some of them.

Having stayed in for the last couple months has give us all a chance to reflex on what we can do to help others.

Hope all the clubs are communicating with their members by phone or internet.

Will be sending a form out soon to help learn what the clubs need help with.

Know membership will be one of the main things this next year as will as service.

Fall conference will be first weekend in November at Pipestem State Park lots interesting things being planned.

Anyone who like to help with the conference please let us know.

Please keep in touch with your members and stay safe.

Need someone to talk to I'm only a phone call away.

1st VDG/PDG Charolette Henson

## Why Did We Become Lions?

Why did we become Lions? This question really hits at the heart of our motivation for joining the Lions Club and remaining active. Perhaps you joined in order get to know people in your local community. Perhaps the opportunities to learn about leadership appealed to you. Maybe you thought that being a member of the Lions Club would look good on a resume. Perhaps these, and others, are good reasons to join the Lions Club. However, out of all the possible reasons for joining, and remaining with the Lions Club, I sincerely hope that the number one reason is a desire to serve others. The reason I say this is because there will always be a need to serve others and the Lions Club is a great forum for our service to others. Because there will always be a need to serve others, we will never be disappointed when our passion to serve others is fulfilled, even when things do not go exactly according to our plans. Also, this service-minded passion allows us to be creative in the ways we approach service, and as long as our passions are being fulfilled, we will stay active. This passion for service binds all Lions together. This passion was present in the words of our organization's founder, Melvin Jones, when he said, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else."

These are uncertain times. Most everyone I talk to say they have never seen anything like what we are going through with the COVID-19 pandemic. However, it is interesting to note that our organization was founded in the shadow of another pandemic: the Spanish Flu of 1918. Just think that our organization was chartered just the year prior to this pandemic. This should give us hope. Light shines brightest in the dark and let us, as Lion servants, be a light of hope. We can serve in ways that can truly help others during these uncertain times.

I regret not getting to visit more of your clubs during my year as second vice district governor. However, I will continue to reach out to many of you by phone. If I can be of any service, please do not hesitate to call on me.

--Jason P. Smith

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor

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**WV Lions Multiple District 29  
Beef Raffle  
Proceeds Benefit: WV Eye Sight Foundation**



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**“Follow me each month to see how fat I am getting and  
to see how close to our goal we’re coming”.**

**By now all Clubs should have tickets to sell. Even though we can't get out due to the coronas virus we can still use media, telephone and the mail.**

- **“EACH CLUB” will have 20 tickets to sell at \$5 each. Each ticket holder will get 4 chances to win, since the beef will be split into 4 quarters.**
- **Drawing will be held at the District C Conference – November 6, 7, 8, 2020.**
- **The GOAL is to raise \$20,000. Every Club in each District MUST do their part in order for this fundraiser to be successful!**

**Beef will be butchered by HYDES MEAT PACKING – ENTERPRIZE, WV**

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From PID Bob Browning

Courthouse is closed to the public. Papers need to be filed. Jewell Aguilar, County Clerk, was looking for an outside depository. Pineville Lions Club happened to have one in Oceana outside a closed Magic Mart. Here it is now, outside the Wyoming County courthouse side entrance, and it will serve as a temporary depository for items intended for county offices. Just a small way of helping the public deal with ordinary business during extraordinary times.

As to the used eyeglasses, there were only 30 or so in the collection box, and they are now out of the cases, in a cardboard box and ready to be joined by some more.





District Leo Chairs:

The USA/Canada Leo Leadership Foundation is happy to invite you to our Virtual Leo Leadership Conference that will be conducted via zoom on May 30-31, 2020 at 2pm (Est). This online FREE event is open to Leo's, Lions, Leo Advisors, and faculty Advisors. We have scheduled awesome facilitators from throughout the United States and Caribbean. Among our facilitators is Lions International First Vice President Douglas Alexander. Stay tune for more information about seminars that will be offered. Registration is NOW OPEN!

- Go to: [leoconference.leosforum.org](http://leoconference.leosforum.org)

29L Multiple District Leo Chair Ramona Sago