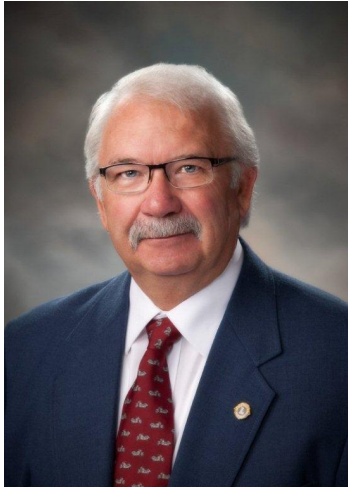


# DISTRICT 29-C NEWS



## DG's Message

By DG Charles Biggs

Greetings Lions!

Our District Fall Conference is fast approaching! I want to thank EVERYONE who have worked so hard to make the conference a success, and hope you all plan to attend.

We believe you will find the Conference fun and interesting. The Conference Schedule is shown on page 3 of this newsletter. International Director Lewis Quinn from Alaska will be the keynote speaker. ID Quinn would like to induct a few new Lions, and present Melvin Jones and/or Leonard Jarrett awards, so any clubs who have prospects for these honors, contact me as soon as possible.

Entertainment will include Doo-Wop Friday Night. Bring your dancing shoes and we might have a prize for the best dressed couple. Several classes will be available Saturday morning. A very special event on Saturday afternoon will be a tour of the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine. The tour will be special just for our Lions and guests and at a reduced rate of \$12 per person. More information is presented on page 5, and I

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think you will find this event well worth your time!

Clubs please send or bring items for door prizes and for the silent auction, and used glasses or hearing aids for collection. Also, your usual generosity for the annual Parade of Checks is greatly needed and appreciated.

DG Charlie



### DG Visits

Nov 3 – Hinton  
Nov 4, 5, 6 – Fall Conference in Beckley  
Nov 7 – Alum Creek for their 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Nov 10 – Fort Gay  
Nov 12 – South Charleston for their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Nov 14 – Chapmanville  
Nov 17 – Mount Hope



### Notice

The MD 29, West Virginia Lions State Convention for 2017 will be April 28-30, 2017 at the Lakeview Resort in Morgantown. Registration forms will be available in January.



# Schedule District 29-C Fall Conference November 4-6, 2016



### Friday Nov 4

**Registration** 2:00-5:30 pm  
**WVLSFC Meeting** 4:00 pm  
**Hospitality Room Opens** 7:00 pm  
**Doo Wop Dance** 8:00 pm

### Saturday Nov 5

**29-C Cabinet Meeting** 8:00-9:15 am  
All Cabinet members wear your Bib Overalls!

**Social Media Class** 9:30-10:15 am

**President, Secretary, & Membership Class**  
10:30-11:45 am

**Luncheon** 12:15 pm  
District & Club awards will be presented at the Luncheon

### Saturday Nov 5 (continued)

**New River Exhibition Coal Mine Trip** 2:00 pm  
See page 5 for more information

**Meet & Greet** 6:00-6:30 pm  
with International Director Lewis Quinn & his wife Gayle, from Anchorage, Alaska

**Banquet** 6:30 pm

### Sunday Nov 6

**Council of Governors Meeting** 9:30 am

**District 29-C Fall Conference  
November 4-6, 2016  
Beckley, WV**

at the Country Inn & Suites  
2120 Harper Road  
Beckley, WV  
(304)252-5100



# Parade of Checks District Fall Conference November 4-5, 2016



## Parade of Checks 2016

**CLUB:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PROGRAM**

**AMOUNT**

WV Sight Conservation Fund-----	_____
WV Sight Conservation Personal Endowment Fund-----	_____
LCIF-----	_____
Romney Student Work Program-----	_____
Service Dogs-----	_____
Diabetes-----	_____
Quest-----	_____
Youth Exchange-----	_____
Blind & Deaf Recreation-----	_____
OTHER _____	_____

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

**If you have not already mailed your Club's form, please bring it with your check to the Conference.**



## Exhibition Coal Mine Tour for Lions District 29-C Fall Conference November 5, 2016, 2pm

**Special Rate for Lions  
on November 5  
\$12 per person**

The Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine and the Youth Museum have been a favorite destination for families and groups for years – and this season is no exception.

Executive Director Leslie Baker says, “The Exhibition Coal Mine and the Youth Museum’s focus has always been on families and groups. Our hands-on exhibitions and underground coal mining tour offer wonderful opportunities for groups to interact, share, and learn something new about their unique coal heritage.”

As the focal point of the City’s lovely New River Park, the complex draws thousands of people to the area annually. The unique underground mine and museum, the recreated coal camp, the Youth Museum and the Mountain Homestead are surrounded by inviting lawns, colorful flowers, picnic areas, an imposing coal miner statue and a whimsical 20 ft. “Peace Totem”.

At the Exhibition Coal Mine, one can ride through the dark passages of a vintage coal mine on an actual “mantrip”. The guides are veteran miners and provide firsthand accounts of the daily responsibilities and travail of past and present day miners.

In addition to the Mine, one can tour the small mine museum and the period coal camp buildings situated throughout the grounds. Lovingly restored, the Coal Company House, Superintendent’s Home, Pemberton Coal Camp Church, and the Helen Coal Camp School, give visitors a true representation of early 20th century coal camp life.

The Exhibition Coal Mine operates on a seasonal schedule, opening on April 1st and closing November 1st but is always available for tours of more than 20 people (Special opening for Lions on Nov. 5). Visitors are asked to bring a jacket because the temperature is always 58 degrees inside the Mine.

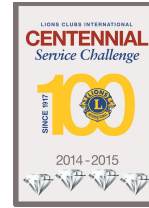


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## Lions Centennial – Invite for Impact!

by PID Larry G. Johnson  
MD 29 Centennial Coordinator



It's not easy to climb a mountain by yourself. Mountains are usually conquered by teams. When Edmund Hillary became the first man to climb Mt. Everest, his Sherpa, Tenzing Norgay, was at his side. A little further down the mountain was the rest of the team, which totaled nearly 400. Successful teams share values. They value achieving the goal or accomplishing the mission, and they value relating to each other as a team.

As a Lion, think of the teams you are in—your club, your zone, your district, our multiple district, committees, District Governor Team, Global Membership Team, Global Leadership Team, and many more—all working together toward the shared goal of enhancing our service to others. Each member of a team is no less important than another. Sometimes one or a few seem to be the “stars” for the moment. But behind the “stars” are other team members, each doing his or her part to make the team effective. Each member

makes an impact.

In fact, each new Lion impacts the lives of 30 or more people through service. The more members we have, the more people we can serve. We often hear from our leaders about emphasizing membership growth. But it's not about numbers, it's about meeting the growing needs of our communities.

Check out the centennial membership awards that are available to every Lion and every Lions club. You can see the full list by visiting Lions100 at lionsclubs.org. Commit to asking your friend, family member, neighbor, or business associate to join your team. You may find it's a great way to strengthen your relationship and your club.

For further information, contact Larry Johnson at 304-295-0635 or lgjohnson@suddenlink.net

### Other Important Dates

Nov 14 – World Diabetes Day  
Dec 5 – International Leo Day  
Jan 9-15, 2017 – Worldwide Week of Service to fight hunger & poverty  
Jan 13 – Melvin Jones' Birthday  
Jan 13 – Last day for LCI Conference early registration discount  
April 17-23 - Worldwide Week of Service to protect our planet  
April 22 – Earth Day  
June 1 – Helen Keller Day



## LCIF – Contribute at the Parade of Checks



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**

by PDG Richard D. Brockway  
MD 29 Centennial Coordinator

It is the time in the Lions year when our clubs make pledges to many programs related to our cause. One major drive is the “Parade of Checks” at the District Conference November 4-6.

As District Chairman of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) I am more focused in this area of pledges although all programs need assistance.

LCIF funds are earmarked for disaster relief worldwide including tornadoes, typhoons, fires, floods, earthquakes, etc. When disaster happens of any type and anywhere funds are sent immediately from International up request. The initial amount is usually \$10,000. West Virginia has received these emergency monies several times over the past 30 plus years. Once again the need arose on June 23, 2016 when the flooding waters overwhelmed areas of Greenbrier, Nicholas and Kanawha Counties in our District. The devastation is unbelievable but LCIF was a responder with funds to help immediately.

My point is that EVERY LIONS CLUB in 29-C should show their support to this Lions program. West Virginians have benefited many times from Lions Clubs contributions. This year all bond together for 100% participation. Last year we were only 50%. Let’s show our appreciation and thanks for Lions helping Lions. Contributions can be \$25, \$50 or more. Let’s do it together!

If your Lions Club is not represented at the District Conference just pledge your support by contacting District Governor Charles Biggs by e-mail [dgcharlie29C@gmail.com](mailto:dgcharlie29C@gmail.com) or myself, Richard D. Brockway, LCIF Chairman at [bway@suddenlink.net](mailto:bway@suddenlink.net).

*Thank you for all your support,  
District LCIF Chair Richard D. Brockway  
It's Great to be a Lion*

## Amtrak Travel to Chicago LCI Convention

by PDG Charles Sheets

For those considering riding Amtrak to Chicago for the 2017 LCI Convention, the Cardinal #51 train runs Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday from New York City to Chicago with stops in White Sulphur Springs, Alderson, Hinton, Prince/Beckley, Thurmond, Montgomery, Charleston, and Huntington.

The complete Cardinal schedule is available on the District website at <http://e-district.org/userfiles/661/file/AmtrakCardinalSched.pdf> or through the Amtrak website at <https://www.amtrak.com/home>.

For example, Carolyn and I will Depart White Sulphur Springs Wednesday June 28, 2017 at 5:05 PM and arrive in Chicago the next morning at 10:05 AM. We will depart Chicago Tuesday July 4, 2017 at 5:45 PM and arrive in WSS the next morning at 11:39 AM. Our Round Trip fare, using a age 62+ 15% discount, was \$139.40 each. For those Lions under age 62, Amtrak offers a 10% Convention Fare Discount good for travel between June 15, 2017 and July 15, 2017. I advise Lions to first go to Amtrak.com and look up

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rates, dates and departure time. With that info call (800) 872-7245 for an agent and advise them you are traveling to the Lions Convention. Additional information needed to receive the 10% Lions discount is given below. Keep it handy when you call.

Good luck with your travel plans and I look forward to seeing you in Chicago!

*PDG Charles Sheets*

#### GROUP SALES DEPARTMENT

### CONVENTION FARE DISCOUNT INFORMATION FOR PASSENGER

**You may present this information to the Amtrak Ticket Agent or your  
Travel Agent to assist them in providing you with this discount**

Fare Code Number: X97C-959

Valid For Travel: June 15, 2017 – July 15, 2017

#### *Lions Clubs International 100<sup>th</sup> Convention*

**Amtrak offers a 10% discount off the lowest available rail fare to Chicago, IL between the above dates. Includes travel days prior to the convention and following the meeting. To book your reservation call Amtrak at 1 (800) 872-7245 or contact your local travel agent. Please refer to Convention Fare Code X97C-959 when making your reservation a 10% discount has been approved. Conventions cannot be booked via Internet. This offer is not valid on the Auto Train and Acela service. Offer valid with Sleepers, Business Class or First Class seats with payment of the full applicable accommodation charges. Fare is valid on Amtrak Regional all departures seven days a week, except for holiday blackouts.**

Thank you for considering Amtrak in your travel plans.

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## LCI News

Dear Lion,

Lions do inspiring things. For 100 years, we have joined together to change the lives of neighbors next door and underserved populations around the world. Now that's reason to celebrate.

Your club's Centennial celebration is the perfect opportunity to share your achievements and spread the word about what Lions do in your community. When people learn about the difference you're making as a Lion, I know they'll be inspired to join you in service. And there are so many ways to include your community in the celebration.

Invite family and friends to serve with you on your next Centennial Service Challenge project so they can experience the power of service. Plan a Legacy Project to showcase your club and connect with community. Host a special Centennial celebration that highlights your achievements, your projects and the opportunities to serve with you.

Let's make the most of our Centennial. So keep serving, keep celebrating and keep inspiring your community!

Very truly yours,  
Chancellor Bob Corlew  
Your International President



### 100 Million Served!

Two years ago, Lions were challenged to serve more than 100 million people by the end of our Centennial Celebration in 2018. Now, you're invited to celebrate the achievement of this incredible milestone in true Lions style—by renewing your commitment to service and joining together to continue to serve the people who need us most.

But first, take a minute to watch the 100 Million Served video on YouTube (see the LCI website) and reflect on the millions of lives changed by Lions service around the world. And keep going!

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)!



## Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat

*by PID Larry G. Johnson*

*Retreat Publicity/Promotion Committee Chairperson*

### Seminar Speakers Announced!

An experienced leader with a significant military background, a professor of leadership studies, a Past International Director who is an ophthalmologist, and a family that has received help from the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, are the planned speakers for this year's Leadership Retreat. Colton Young, and his mother, Barbara, will tell how the Lions in Grafton, with significant support from the Sight Foundation, met a need and impacted his life.

Past International Director Dr. H. Hauser Weiler, of Virginia is an ophthalmologist. He is one of the leaders of Lions KidSight USA.

Mark McMillion retired as a lieutenant colonel in the US Army in 2013. With his extensive experience as a leader, he then founded McMillion Leadership Associates, which "exists to help leaders get better".

Dr. Lisa DeFrank-Cole is Associate Professor and Director of Leadership Studies at West Virginia University. She previously worked as the Executive Director for the West Virginia PROMISE Scholarship program, and worked at Carnegie Mellon University and at the University of Michigan. In Summer 2012

Dr. DeFrank-Cole was awarded a Fulbright Grant to teach Principles of Leadership to female students at the Royal University for Women in Bahrain. Her research interests include the topics of women and leadership.

You don't want to miss the messages these speakers will share. All Lions are welcome to participate in the Retreat, and non-Lion spouses and guests will find much of the program to be of interest.

The Retreat will be held at Lakeview Resort January 27-29, 2017. The \$125.00 registration fee includes four meals, each with a speaker, six seminars, as well as displays and opportunities for interaction with Lions from across West Virginia, our guest speakers and our presenters. Register now! See the form included with this newsletter, and contact the Resort for room reservations.

For further information contact Larry Johnson at 304-295-0635 or [lgjohnson@suddenlink.net](mailto:lgjohnson@suddenlink.net)



## The Life of a Future Leader Dog

by "Reo", Puppy

Hello! Thought I'd give you an update on what my puppy raiser has had me doing this month. I must be a pretty special dog to be taken to Union Lions meeting and then up north to District I's conference. My puppy raiser, Charlie, kept me on a leash while puppy raiser Carolyn presented, from her computer, how a blind or partially blind person can get a leader dog if they want one and meet all the qualifications. I was up front so everyone could see me and I behaved very well. I had toys to chew on and one even had some peanut butter in it. I didn't bark. Everyone wanted to rub my ears and head after it was over and I like that but I think I'm supposed to be more confined and settled when they pet me. Oh well! I didn't bite anyone!

I learned that I'm totally free of charge to the client. Everything is paid for by the Lions Clubs from all over the country. Some of the dogs are even sent to Canada, Mexico and even Spain. Did you know I have a "chip" placed under my skin.....I don't know where and can't feel it.....so that if I ever get lost, Leader Dog can trace me on their computer and find me wherever I am. My big brother, Durbin, has one too. He and I both like it here and won't get lost intentionally. He and I both like to sniff though and sometimes get so involved with a scent that I'm glad I'm on a leash.

*Reo, Future Leader Dog  
(with Lion Carolyn Sheets, Puppy Raiser)*



*District 29-I Conference, Lakeview Resort*



*At a Union Lions Club meeting.*

## Durbin Lions Club 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



*Lions Kenny Vance & Harold Crist receive 50-year chevrons at the Durbin Lions' 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner.*



*The mother of a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader expressed her appreciation for Lions vision screenings at the Green Bank Elementary School. The screening found a problem in her son's vision which has since been corrected.*

Durbin Lions celebrated their 70th anniversary Saturday evening, Oct. 22, 2016, at the Dunmore Community Building. There were 59 Lions in attendance with several coming a distance from Mount Hope, Welch, White Sulphur Springs and Marlinton. An impressive number of Past District Governors attended including Lion Linda Burke, Lion Garland Burke from Mount Hope; Lion Dick Brockway from White Sulphur Springs, Lion Ken Valko from Gary Lions, Lion Charlie Sheets from Durbin Lions and current District Governor, Lion Charlie Biggs from Mount Hope. Lion Dale Fitzpatrick, First-Vice District Governor from Crab Orchard-MacArthur, who will be District governor 2017-2018, also attended. DG Charlie Biggs was the key-note speaker emphasizing the Lions mottos "WE SERVE" and "WHERE THERE'S A NEED THERE'S A LION" and the Four Centennial Challenges, YOUTH, VISION, ENVIRONMENT and HUNGER. DG Lion Biggs brought greetings from our International President, Lion Bob Corlew, whose motto is "NEW MOUNTAINS TO CLIMB", a very appropriate motto because Lion Corlew is from the mountains of Tennessee.

The Dunmore Community Building has served as a

two room school house from the early 1900's until 1960 when the property was bought by a community organization to be used as a community center. The old hardwood floors are still there but the kitchen has been upgraded and Lion Kevin Fraser, his wife Amanda and daughter Christine prepared a delicious meal of roast beef, Peri Peri Chicken, cheese sauced cauliflower, green beans, roasted red potatoes, Caesar salad, Waldorf Salad, hot rolls, iced tea, coffee and lemonade. Dessert was an assortment of cookies and cream puffs. Tables were beautifully decorated with gold and blue tablecloths, glass pumpkins, goblets, mirrors and candles. Lion Bob Sheets, president of the Durbin Lions, was the perfect Master of Ceremony adding bits of history and humor throughout the evening. Lion Donnie Waybright, who maintains the equipment for pork rind making and Bill and wife Kathy Reese, who open up their home and buildings to make the rinds, received plaques for their years of service. DG Biggs presented 50-year Chevrons to Lion Kenny Vance and Lion Harold Crist. A 35-year Chevron was presented to Lion Don Flegel and a 20-year to PDG Charles Sheets.



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## Craigsville Lions

The Craigsville Lions began with \$2,423.30 in flood relief funds provided by District 29-C. Using other direct donations amounting to \$1100, partnering with United Way who provided a matching grant of up to \$3600, and with Lowes of Summersville's generosity, we were able to almost quadruple our impact, finally purchasing and delivering a large quantity of rebuilding materials with a retail value of over \$9,500. Lowes provided the materials at more than a 25% discount from retail. Ten families from Webster County were assisted. It was a great experience to be able to help these flood victims.



*One of two truckloads of building materials made available to residents of Webster County recovering from flood damage to their homes.*



*Craigsville Lions and other volunteers spent most of a rainy October Saturday helping distribute the building materials.*

## Upcoming Events

### **South Charleston Lions 80th Anniversary Dinner**

November 12, 2016 at 6 PM, Little Creek Country Club, South Charleston

Speaker PID Larry Johnson

Entertainment George Dauthtery (The Earl of Elkview)

Cost \$12.00

More Information will follow or if questions, contact  
Lion Duane White 304 552 1177

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