



## Newsletter for Lions District 29-C

October 2019



It has been a busy and very enjoyable month, I have visited wonderful clubs that are doing great work in their communities. I am very pleased to announce that Jason Smith has been officially elected as our 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG for District 29C for 2019-2020, he is going to be a great DG for our district. I also had the privilege of attending DG Ruth's conference at Canaan Valley this past weekend and what a great time, FVDG John Mason provided service project training and the ID gave us some updates on the progress being made to fully utilize Mylion. It was a wonderful conference and I enjoyed it immensely. I would like to encourage everyone to attend District 29C conference on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, please see the updated registration form and hotel information in this newsletter. The guest speaker will be ID Mike Banks from Oklahoma, I think you will be very pleased with his presentation. We will have a costume party Friday evening with music and I would like to ask each member to bring socks or undergarments to be collected and donated to a local shelter as a district service project. I am also asking each club to bring a donation for the silent auction. FYI, there will be awards for the best costumes!

I would like to thank Charolette Henson and Jim Slamick for providing special training on Mylion and membership after the special election held on September 21<sup>st</sup>, great job! I also want to thank Charlie Biggs and Paul Wheeler for chairing and coordination of the District and State conferences, with a special thanks added for Lisa Keffer and Carla Finch for their efforts to make our Fall conference special!

The DG contest this year will be based on total number of persons impacted as listed in Mylion by each club, the club with the most impact per member will win. We will also have an award for the greatest percentage of increased membership as listed in Mylion. The information available in Mylion at the end of March 2020 will be utilized to determine the winners. I would also like for clubs to send me the details of a special project that they have completed this year and we will select a project of the year to highlight at the MD conference in May.

Please consider attending the Leadership Retreat in January, I have one scholarship available to cover the registration for a first time attendee to the Leadership Retreat.

"Get Hooked on Lionism"

**Gary Boyd MA, CFP**

District Governor Gary Boyd



## **1st VDG Charolette Henson**

**I want to thank all that attended the training session on Sept.21 and I hope the information proved to be helpful.**

**Fall is here and good time to work on membership, please ask a friend to attend a meeting.**

**If your club needs pamphlets or assistance with developing strategies to help increase membership, please contact me. I would like to challenge all clubs to increase their membership this quarter. The club that can add the most members in this quarter will be awarded a scholarship for one member to attend the Leadership retreat in January. DG Gary or I will be happy to come install new members. We want to end the year with each club increasing their membership by at least one.**

**Please let us know what your clubs are doing so we can share their accomplishments and celebrate their achievements. We love to see clubs working and collaborating for the good of our communities**

**DG Gary has a great fall conference planned, so get your registration in for it and come join the fun.**

## **New to Office and Already Going!**

At a special election held on September 21, 2019 I was elected to serve as your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. Since that election, I have found myself staying busy learning what a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor is supposed to do and to train to become District Governor in a couple of years. Everyone has been so very helpful. Of course, I would expect nothing less from a group of service minded Lions!

On September 27-28, I had the honor of attending District 29-I's annual conference at Canaan Valley. It was wonderful to reconnect with some longtime friends as well as make some new friends. What a privilege it was to be surrounded by so many service minded individuals! It truly was a pleasure meeting District Governor Ruth Straley as well as my counterpart in District 29-I 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Sue Long. I'm truly looking forward to working and training along with Lion Sue over the next several months.

With annual conferences in mind, I sincerely hope that you will plan to attend our annual conference at Country Inn and Suites in Beckley on November 1-3. First Vice District Governor Charlotte Henson and I will be hosting a hospitality room. Be sure to stop by and introduce yourself. I would enjoy meeting you.

I have also been staying busy with my home club in Gauley Bridge. The Gauley Bridge Lions Club will be hosting a vision screening on October 12. I was again reminded at District 29-I's fall conference that the most important units of Lionism are the local Lions Clubs and the members that compose those clubs. This is why service and membership are so important. Without members our clubs cannot be of service and without service, people and communities who have unmet needs must often go without having those needs met. I always find it helpful to be reminded of the important service role that we, as Lions, fill in our communities.

I am looking forward to taking this journey with you. I am hoping to accompany District Governor Gary to some of his official club visits. Even though I am a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor, I am a Lion first, and as a Lion, I am a servant. If I can be of any help or if you have any ideas, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

**Jason P. Smith**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor District 29-C

-----SAVE THE DATE -----

No, it is not a bridal shower, or a baby shower or an appointment with the IRS. It is a meeting with fellow Lions from throughout the state of West Virginia.

The WV Lions Leadership Retreat will be held on January 24-25, 2020 at Flatwoods Days Inn and Suites and Conference Center.

More details to follow, but for now please save the date.

Thank You

PDG John Wensyel

### MD 29 RAP Chairperson~Deborah Delaney

“The more you read, the more things you’ll know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” Dr. Seuss, author of children’s books

The Reading Action Program is an important opportunity for you to help bridge the gaps in literacy and education in your community. Your club can help others to work toward their full potential and equip themselves with the skills needed to enjoy a lifelong journey of learning.

The Reading Action Program (RAP) provides your club with the tools and resources needed to carry out a literacy project in your community. Browse through the many project ideas and get started today. **Every club can participate!** Help show the world the strength of our global network.

For more information or resources go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and keyword search “Reading Action Program” or contact the Service Activities Division at [programs@lionsclubs.org](mailto:programs@lionsclubs.org). If you have any questions, you can also contact me at [dadelaney1950@gmail.com](mailto:dadelaney1950@gmail.com).

## Lions out and About....



Bob Browning, Bill Syphers, GB, Ruth Straley, and Larry Edwards taken at DG Ruth's conference.

**We will be collecting eyeglasses at the conference!!!**

On Saturday, September 21st the Glasgow Cedar Grove Lions Club (membership no. 11000 District 29-C) and VFW Post 8363 honored three heroes of the Cedar Grove community who were killed in Vietnam by naming a bridge in recognition of their sacrifice. All three of the soldiers graduated from the same high school.



Lewisburg Lions Club received special recognition and vests from the State of WV Adopt-A-Highway Program to commemorate 30 years of service.

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