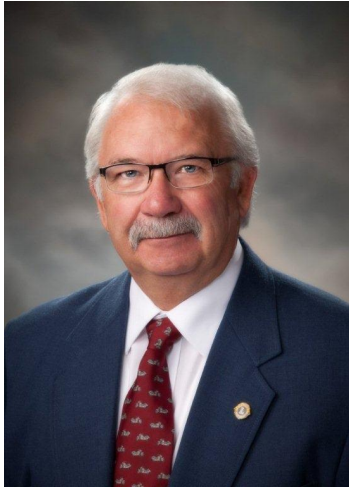


DISTRICT 29-C NEWS



DG's Message

By DG Charles Biggs

Greetings Lions!

Our District Fall Conference is fast approaching! It starts Friday November 4 at the Country Inn & Suites in Beckley. Our block of rooms are guaranteed through October 4, so make your reservations before then. The Conference Registration is due on October 24 – the form is attached and is also available on the District website.

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

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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 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. Either bring to the Conference or mail the check and Parade form to Treasurer Paul Wheeler (see page 4).

Our DG club visit schedule is packed for October, and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible. If your club is not yet on my schedule contact me soon. This past month we were at Zone meetings in South Charleston and Flatwoods, and at the Beaver Lions banquet honoring their past Presidents.

I also traveled to Omaha, Nebraska September 15-17

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to attend the 40th USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. This was one of the best such meeting I've ever attended. If you ever get the chance to attend one of these forums, I highly recommend it.

Thank you to all Lions who continue to serve your communities in whatever way. When you are out serving, don't forget to Ask 1 person to join your Club – the more Lions the better! Involve your new

members to help *Keep 1*.

Continue to work **Above and Beyond**, and we'll see you at the Conference!

DG Charlie

DG Visits - October

- Oct 3 – Mann
- Oct 4 – Clay
- Oct 6 – Charleston Lions Celebrating 95 years
- Oct 10 – Pineville
- Oct 11 – Charleston West
- Oct 13 – Bradshaw
- Oct 14-16 – District 29-I Conference
- Oct 20 – Craigsville
- Oct 22 – Durbin Lions Celebrating 70 years
- Oct 27 – Marlinton



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



Friday Nov 4

Registration 2:00-5:30 pm
WVLSCF 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

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

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

Saturday Nov 5 (continued)

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: _____

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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: _____

Please mail checks and form to:
PCC Paul Wheeler
46 Ranger Lane
South Charleston, WV 25309

Complete and mail form with check by October 20, 2016



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.

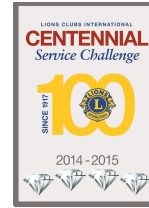


Lions District 29-C
on the web at <http://e-district.org/sites/29c/>



What is Your Club's Legacy?

by PID Larry G. Johnson
MD 29 Centennial Coordinator



Build your Lions Club's legacy by planning a Centennial Community Legacy Project during our Centennial Celebration. It's a great opportunity to connect with your community. Legacy Projects are visible gifts to your community that commemorate our Centennial and create a lasting legacy of your service contributions.

Your Legacy Project will remind your community during the Centennial and beyond about just how important your club is. All Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to complete a Legacy Project by June 30, 2018, so start planning yours today!

With three levels of participation, there's an opportunity for every club to get involved. Level 1 is called "Raise Your Community Visibility" and involves projects that allows your friends and neighbors to be reminded that your club is there, doing important work. Level 2 is called "Provide a Community Gift" and includes projects like building a park, donating a vehicle to a community organization, and the like. Level 3 requires a major effort and is called "Make a Community Impact". Examples of projects at this

level include building a clinic, expanding a library or school, or equipping a hospital.

Promote Your Legacy Project! Your Project is an opportunity to showcase your service and your club to the community. You will want to maximize this great public relations opportunity. Suggestions include holding a dedication or ribbon-cutting ceremony and invite your community and local media to attend. Share project photos on social media or ask your community to share photos at the site of your Legacy Project. Use the hashtag #Lions100 so LCI can share your project on the LCI Facebook page. Be sure to involve local media. Send out a press release or ask a local reporter to help tell your story.

Finally, be sure to report your Legacy Project using the MyLCI Service Activity Report, under the Community and Culture activity type. Clubs can earn a special banner patch, and select projects will be featured on the LCI website, social media and LION Magazine.



LCI News

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!

Save the Date!

Join international president Chancellor Bob Corlew for a special Worldwide Week of Service event designed to end preventable blindness and visual impairment in your community and around the world. Plan a service project saving sight in your community during October 10-16, and your club will be eligible for special recognition. From vision screenings to white cane donations and more, there's an opportunity for every club to change lives this October. Visit the Worldwide Week of Service in Sight webpage for more information and start planning your project today!



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!



West Virginia Youth Camps & Exchange Program

by Henry Krautwurst, MD 29 Youth Camp & Exchange Chairman, HenryK248@gmail.com

September is here again and with that comes the start of another year for the WV Lions Youth Camps and Exchange Program (YCE).

We had a very successful 2015-16 year with six youth from WV travelling to a variety of countries. We had two youth coming to WV; a boy from Finland and a girl from Japan. Both of these youth stayed with host families in the High View area in District I. I know our program is working well when Antti from Finland continues his daily contact with his host family since returning home on August 1st. Nagi has enjoyed her stay so much that she was able to stay an additional week. Similarly, the youth from WV have enjoyed the opportunity afforded them by this program.

My first experience with the YCE program was when we hosted a girl from Peru. She was an absolute delight to have in our home. She settled in very quickly in both our home and community. That was in 2013. Since then she returned to us in 2014 and we visited her and her family in Peru during our summer and their winter of 2014. We saw her and her family once again in Taiwan this year. Meylin and her family continue to stay in touch with us on a regular basis. It is a real blessing to have made these new lifelong friends.

So, as you can see being a host family has many rewards. As one person asked one of our host family mothers how much she got paid for hosting, her response was "money can't buy what I receive for being a youth exchange host." I tell people don't be afraid to encounter an experience that will forever change your life. We develop new friends and relationships that will last a life time. My father and mother-in-law befriended an exchange student back in the 1970s. My father-in-law had a visit from that youth (not so young anymore) a couple of years ago and still communicated with him till just prior to his death at 98 years old in June 2015.

The YCE program is fulfilling its purpose of furthering the first objective of Lionism: "To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world." The objectives of the YCE program are:

- To bring young people into contact with youth and adults of other countries
- To share family and community life of another culture
- To promote international understanding and good will throughout the world of Lionism

You can see what a great program this is and the opportunities it affords our youth in WV. I need your help both as a Lion and as a family. This year we sent 6 youth abroad each with a \$1,200 scholarship. The funds that we provide cover airfare and passport expenses and possibly some other small expenses. The YCE program receives funds from the Parade of Checks and any donations that are received. We are very thankful for the funds you and your clubs donate and hope that, through your generous efforts, we can continue sending youth abroad.

The other part of this equation is that in order for youth of other countries to have this opportunity we must in-turn be able to host incoming youth. I ask that you consider being a host family. Help us locate families that would be a good host. You can find those families among your families, friends, co-workers, church families and recommendations from friends and family.

It is an honor for me to have been asked to serve as your MD 29 YCE chairman and I will do my best to continue the successes of the past. To me this program gives our WV youth and those from countries around the world an opportunity to travel and broaden their knowledge of other people and their culture. They go out as young ambassadors for WV and the USA and these young travelers will always carry with them their experiences abroad and the gratitude for the opportunity they received. Hmmm, maybe someday they too will join the family of Lions.



Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat

*by PID Larry G. Johnson
Retreat Publicity/Promotion Committee Chairperson*

Plan to Attend Leadership Retreat! Great Seminars!

The planning committee for this year's Leadership Retreat is developing seminars that you will find helpful and interesting. The Retreat, to be held at Lakeview Resort January 27-29, 2017, will provide attendees the opportunity to participate in six seminars, and hear four great speakers.

The Seminar Committee, under the leadership of PID Steve Glass, is planning seminars that will help leaders with their clubs' operations, such as: Using MyLCI Effectively; Legal Obligations of Every Club; How to Be a Dynamic Club President; Orientation for All; and a Zone Chairperson seminar.

Other seminars will cover the changing world of Lionism: It's Not Your Father's Lions Club; Looking at "We Serve" Differently (Inside Out vs. Outside In); and KidSight/Centennial Service Projects/LCI Forward.

Still more seminars that are general in nature are planned: 10 Major Steps to Becoming an Effective Leader; Motivating Volunteers; The Power of Vision, Planning & Goal Setting; and Public Relations as a Recruitment Tool.

The list of seminars is subject to change, but is nearly complete. Put the 2017 Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat on your calendar now. All Lions are welcome to participate, and non-Lion spouses and guests will find much of the program to be of interest.

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.

Don't wait! 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

A Day in the Life of a Future Leader Dog

by "Reo", Puppy

Today is September 13, and I am just over 3 months old and have I had a busy day! I don't know what my puppy raiser was thinking to schedule a day like this for me. I still have to get up twice in the night, about 2:00 am and 5:30. I get breakfast at 7:00 and I am starved by then. My puppy raiser puts a cup of food in my bowl and my jumping up and down and doing my hunger dance doesn't make it come any faster. I still have to sit and settle for a few seconds before she sets the bowl down. My

record of eating that cup full is about 15 seconds. (I think I can do better tomorrow.)

My puppy raiser put my crate in the SUV and I know I'm probably heading across the mountain to Elkins. I don't like it much in my crate today. I'm all alone in the back. Don't know why "Durbin" isn't back here like he usually is. When we arrive in Elkins I know I'm at the Vet's office. I've been here before. The first thing to do is get on the scales and get weighed. I weigh 30 lbs. I was only 11 lbs. when I came to WV, but Vet said I was a good weight. Can still feel my ribs. Guess I'm going to be long and tall. Vet says I will be bigger than " Durbin". I remember

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her because she gave me a SHOT the last time. I ran under the bench when I saw her coming but she pulled me out, felt me all over, looked in ears and gave me ANOTHER SHOT. I squirmed and yelped and she had to stick me twice. I should have kept still. I also had a slight ear infection. Vet's assistant put medicine in my ears. I didn't like that either. I like my ears rubbed from the outside but don't like anybody goin' inside the ears. Finally, that visit was over and I don't have to have any more shots.

I rode back home a little quieter. Had another cup of food at 12:00 and puppy raiser kept walking me and keeping me busy. I then went to Green Bank Elementary School before 28 second graders. Their teachers had them studying about service dogs and since I was the only one being trained as a Leader Dog in this area, they invited me to their class. I loved those kids and they really liked me. I was on my best behavior because I was too tired to act-up. I think that vet's shot made me drowsy too. I was there about 1 and ½ hrs. At the end, the children petted me and one little boy even fed me a morsel of dog food. I want to go back and see them again.

It was about 3:30 and I fell into my crate. I got to sleep for a while but was awakened and fed my supper. I was so tired, I really could have waited a while longer for my supper....but no.....I was walked around and brushed to look good and scuttled into the SUV again. "Where to this time," I thought. Didn't have to go far and met a bunch of men and women there. "OH! Another Lions meeting." I'd been to one before and didn't mind it much. I found a dollar bill in the parking lot at that meeting. My puppy raiser brought me home about 8:00, took me out to "park" and I fell into my crate again. I was very sleepy. WHEW, what a day! Maybe I can play tomorrow.

I'm still just a puppy and hope to become a Leader Dog for a blind or blind/deaf person in about 15 months. I want to thank all you Lions for helping me achieve my goal.

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



Club News



The Kanawha City Lions Club hosted the 29-C Zone 3 meeting on September 20, 2016 at the Charleston Civic Center. DG Charles Biggs was the keynote speaker and gave a report on his trip to the International Convention in Fukuoka, Japan. He also provided an update regarding the WV Lions efforts to provide flood relief to the victims of the June 23 disaster. To date, Lions have collected more than \$30,000 to distribute to local Lions Clubs to help their communities. DG Charlie stated that this was in keeping with his theme of Lions going **"Above and Beyond"**. He also asked Lions of Zone 3 to participate in the Centennial Service Challenge to serve more than 100 million people world wide and in recognition receive a banner patch.

Five clubs were in attendance at the Zone 3 meeting: Charleston Gold Dome, Kanawha City, Loudendale, South Charleston, and Southridge Pacesetters. Zone Chairman Lion Jim Slamick was glad to see a good turnout of 47 Lions. Each club gave a brief report on their service activities and fundraiser projects. Several clubs reported on providing eyeglasses, eye exams, clean-ups for Adopt-a-Highway, and food baskets. Hot dog sales seems to be a popular fundraiser along with sales of candy, brooms, mops, and raffle tickets.

Lion James Slamick

L-R: Lions Barbara Cline, DG Charles Biggs, Jaime Pennington, Bruce Pennington, PDG Darrell Jennings, Richard Bishoff, Angela Dorsey, Michelle Stigall, James Slamick, & Nadir Mirza.



Club News



Zone 7 Lions Club members were on hand to assist their fellow PA District 14-E Lions Club members at Clay County High School in distributing three vehicle loads of school supplies, (one dump truck and two huge vans) to Clay County Students and Teachers in response to the need created by the recent flooding.

The Pennsylvania Rostraver Township Lions Club contacted the Clay Lions Club wanting to help Clay county children. Zone 7 Chair Keyota Jarvis collaborated with the Board of Education to help set this up. Flyers were sent out and Sarah the school automated messenger reminded parents that they could pick up school supplies and see a free movie before going to the football game, scheduled on the evening of the first home football game, Friday, August 26th.

Approximately 50 to 60 people picked up supplies. Back packs, pens, pencils, markers, glues, towels, binders, notebooks, etc. Supplies were left to be distributed throughout the county. Teachers also received some nice supplies, jump drives, art supplies, poster boards, poster paper, etc. Where There is a Need, There is a Lion.

Lion Paul Hopkins II



Lions from Slickville, Rostraver Township, & Stewartsville PA delivered school supplies to assist Clay County students and teachers. Many Thanks go out to Lions that made the trip and others that worked behind the scenes to help our community. Where There is a Need, There is a Lion. We Serve.

Club News



The O-Cedar company donated & delivered cases of high quality mops & brooms to the Craigsville Lions Club to assist victims of the WV flood. Craigsville Lions worked closely with flood relief leaders in nearby Camden-on-Gauley in Webster County, WV. On September 26, Lions delivered brooms and mops donated by O-Cedar to the flood relief center (city buildings) at Camden-on-Gauley.

Lion Joe Butler and four of the Camden-on-Gauley volunteers who took delivery of the brooms and mops. We are confident that the brooms and mops O-Cedar generously donated will be put to good use, and will be appreciated by those receiving them. Thanks to Lion Lanny Balen and O-Cedar for their support and generosity.

Lion Steve Keen, Craigsville Lions



Clay Lions sponsored the Return of The Rubber Duck Race during the Clay County Golden Delicious Festival and one lucky winner took home \$697.50. Back of Lions shirt with Lucky Ducky Winner # 371



During the Festival, Clay Lions Club performed two days of vision screening. 67 people were screened and more than a third were recommended for follow-up. L-R: District 29C Zone Chair Keyota Jarvis, Lion Paul Hopkins, Clay Lions Vice President Don Jarvis, & WV Secretary of State Natalie Tennant.

Upcoming Events

2016 Sissonville Lions Club Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 8, 2016

1:00 pm Tee Time – Shotgun Start

Greenhills Country Club

Old Route 56

Ravenswood, West Virginia 26164

(304) 744-9646

\$55 per Golfer

Directions: Interstate 77, Exit 146 (Ravenswood/Silverton) East on U.S. 33/ W Virginia (Old Route 56) for 1.2 miles

Proceeds support the Sissonville Lions Club Charities which have provided \$40,000 of scholarships to graduating students at Sissonville High School

Link to register and more information: <http://sissonvillelions.com/golf/>

Tom Crouser

Cell (304) 541-3714

Durbin Lions Club 70th Anniversary Celebration

The Durbin Lions Club will be celebrating its 70th anniversary on Saturday, 22 Oct 2016 at the Dunmore Community Center. A reception will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 pm with dinner beginning promptly at 6 pm.

Reservations for this event must be made by 15 Oct and the cost is \$20 per person. Please send your check along with name/number of reservation(s) to the following address:

Durbin Lions 70th
C/O Lion Rick Wooddell
PO Box 176
Green Bank, WV 24944



Upcoming Events

Free Health, Dental, & Vision Clinic October 22-23

Elkview Middle School
5090 Elk River Road
Elkview, WV

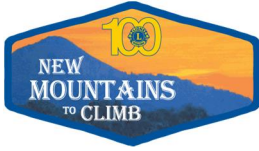
Contact the Elk Lions Club for more information.

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





Lions District 29-C Fall Conference

“Above and Beyond”

November 4-6, 2016

Country Inn & Suites (304)252-5100

2120 Harper Road

Beckley, WV

Room Rates: \$75.00 Standard – 2 Queen Beds
 \$85.00 Suite – King or 2 Queen Beds
 + 12% Tax

Room Reservations: Country Inn & Suites – (304)252-5100
 Room Block Held Until October 4, 2016

Registration

Cost is \$55.00 per person

Includes Saturday Lunch - \$15 & Saturday Banquet - \$40

Name: _____

Spouse or Guest: _____

Lions Club: _____ District: _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Return registration no later than October 24, 2016 to:

PCC Dennis Keffer

Make checks payable to: District 29C Fall Conference

PO Box 33

Pax, WV 25904



Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat

January 27-29, 2017

Lakeview Resort. Cheat Lake, WV

REGISTRATION FEE \$125



Registration includes dinner Friday, Lunch Saturday, Dinner Saturday, and Lunch Sunday

Continental Breakfast each day included in room rate

Print or Type Clearly

Lion _____
Name Name for Tag

Lion or Guest _____
Name Name for Tag

Address City State Zip Code

Home Phone Business Phone E-Mail

Club Name District

____ I am a first time attendee

Make checks payable to: Lions of WV Leadership Retreat (Note: Credit cards will not be used)

If you have special dietary requirements, please list below:

Mail Completed Registration to: PCC Gary Van Horn

69 Fern Place Lane

Berkeley Springs, WV 25411

Contact PCC Gary Van Horn with any questions: (C) 304-261-1229; gvanhorn3@frontier.com;
(H) 304-258-3261

Room Rate: \$94.00 for standard room or 2 double beds.

Make room reservations directly with the Lakeview Resort at 1-800-624-8300 before
December 27, 2016

***You may request a room close to the Retreat activities when you reserve a room.