## West Virginia Lions District 29-C Newsletter

## DISTRICT 29-C NEWS



## DG's Message – Fall Conference

#### By DG Tom Crouser

Less than a month until the 2017 District C Fall Conference, November 3-4 at Country Inns and Suites, in Beckley so register now if you haven't yet. And, yes, there will be a Council of Governors meeting on Sunday, November 5th, but for most of us, the activity will be Friday evening through the banquet Saturday night. However, all Lions are welcome to the Sunday council meeting.

The registration process is described on page 3 of this newsletter. Rooms are only \$79 per night for a standard and \$89 for an upgrade to a King or two Queen beds. The hotel is located off the Harper Road exit in Beckley, specifically at 2120 Harper Road, Beckley, WV 25801.

The Mt. Hope Lions Club is our official host. PDG Charlie Biggs is Conference Chairman. If you or your club would like to assist, message PDG Charlie at dgcharlie29c@gmail.com or call him at 304-575-2144. Friday night the hospitality room opens at 7 pm with music in the main meeting room at 8 pm. Saturday we'll have the Cabinet meeting beginning at 8 am followed by sessions on the **Home Health Program**, an

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opportunity for most clubs in attendance to join with the WV Department of Health and Human Resources, to target and refer community residents who have diabetes and are Medicaid recipients. This no-cost program is perfect as a service project for clubs large and small and will make an immediate impact on the health of our communities. Additionally, on Saturday morning, International Director Bruce Beck will deliver our keynote address based on his twenty-eight years of experience in Lionism at all levels.

Also on Saturday will be workshops on **Using MyLCI**, perfect for the club's secretary and treasurer.
Beginner? Perfect place to get your questions
answered and see how it works. Advanced user?
Learn some tips and tricks to make your job easier.
Also, other computer based workshops will be available on email and more.

Saturday evening will begin at 6 pm with a reception for ID Bruce Beck and his wife, Erin, followed by an outstanding banquet. All this can be yours, but only if you plan now to attend. Will look for you there.

DG Tom





#### Mark Your Calendars

October 2, 2017 Zone 2 Meeting in Clendenin

October 20-21 District 29-I Conference, Lakeview Resort,

Morgantown

October 24 DG Visits Durbin Lions

November 3-5 District 29-C Conference, Country Inn & Suites, Beckley

November 6 DG Visits Alum Creek Lions Club

November 16 DG Visits Mt. Hope Lions Club

December 2 DG Visits Gary Lions Club

December 6 DG Visits Hinton Lions Club

December 12 DG Visits Charleston West Lions Club

December 19 DG Visits Clay Lions Club

May 4-6, 2018 WV Lions Convention, Lakeview Resort, Morgantown

If you haven't, contact DG Tom to schedule his visit to your Club!

**Editor's Note:** Please have submissions for the 29-C newsletters in by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month. Issues will be posted soon thereafter. Send submissions by e-mail to: <a href="mailto:rdnorrod@gmail.com">rdnorrod@gmail.com</a> or call (941)662-6770.

**Editor Lion Roger Norrod** 





### 1st VDG Message

By VDG Charolette Henson

For those of you who have not met me let me introduce myself: I am Charolette Henson from the South Charleston club and it's an honor to serve you as first Vice District Governor this year.

Looking forward to meeting as many of the clubs as can over next few months.

Want to encouage each club to send at least one or more representatives to the fall conference Nov 3 thru 5 at Country Inn and Suite in Beckley. Never too early to call them and make reservations. Just be sure tell them you are with MD29-C conference to get a special rate. This is a good time to meet others in the dictrict and to learn more about Lionism.



Lots things going on in the district but the BIG thing we need work on is membership. If you need help let me or DG Tom know. We'll be glad to come help you.

Want remind you for the clubs that haven't paid their dues for this year to LCI and also the District please do so as soon as possible.

If you need help in anyway please contact me at charlions29o@yahoo.com or call 3049519022. Looking forward to see everyone at the fall conference.

**1VDG** Charolette

#### FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN - NOV 3-5, BECKLEY, WV

Consider this as your official invitation to the Lions District 29-C Fall Conference to be held Friday and Saturday, November 3-4, with the Council of Governors' Meeting on Sunday, November 5th in Beckley, hosted by the Mt. Hope Lions Club. The Registration form is attached to this newsletter, fill it out and mail it in as directed. Then call the Country Inn and Suites and make room reservations (304-252-5100).

Friday night's hospitality room opens at 7 pm, with music and festivities beginning at 8 pm. Dinner is on your own. Saturday's session begins at 8 am with lunch at 12 noon and afternoon workshops as well as activities. Reception 6 pm with the banquet beginning at 6:30 pm. Sunday, the Council of Governors' meeting begins at 9:30 am and is open to all.

Registration for the full conference is \$60 per person. See the Conference Registration Form for details. The conference hotel is the Country Inns and Suites, 2120 Harper Road, Beckley, WV 25801. Room rates are \$79 per night for standard room and \$89 per night for a suite. Make room reservations with the hotel at (304) 252-5100. Deadline for guaranteed room rates is October 15th, so register before then. Then, mail in your conference registration. Again, see the registration form for details.

Club Requests: please make copies of the registration form and distribute to club members. Don't forget to bring your club banner for display. Also you may bring and turn in used eyeglasses and hearing aids and please bring items for the Silent Auction.

Activities: Friday evening "fun night" and music, Saturday cabinet meeting and seminars, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, hospitality room, door prizes, parade of checks, keynote address by International Director Bruce Beck from Palisade, Minnesota and fellowship galore!

Invitations have been mailed to all club presidents and secretaries who are identified in MyLCI.





#### LCI Items

#### **Important Date**

June 29 – July 3, **2018** – Lions International Convention – Las Vegas

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Progress can come with a steep price. As people worldwide enjoy fast food and work non-strenuous jobs, diabetes has become a global crisis. My own nation, hardly wealthy, is a case in point. India is known as othe diabetes capital of the worldö with a staggering 50 million people suffering from type 2 diabetes. The statistics in the United States are bleak as well. In New York, a city with access to fruits and vegetables, an estimated 800,000 adultsô more than one in every eightô now have diabetes. Nationwide, the picture is even grimmer. One in three children born in the United States is expected to become diabetic in their lifetimes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The toll on society will be enormous. Diabetes can lead to <u>heart disease</u>, <u>stroke</u>, <u>kidney damage</u> and nerve damage. It also causes blindness.

Lions Clubs International (LCI) will not sit on the sidelines as the disease mounts. We will be in the thick of efforts to prevent and treat the disease. At our 100<sup>th</sup> International Convention in July in Chicago we formally announced our new commitment to curtailing diabetes. Echoing Helen Keller appeal to Lions in 1925 at their convention to become Knights of the Blind, Keller Johnson-Thompson, Keller great grand-niece, urged Lions to take on this new challenge.

õWill you not constitute yourselves to continue to be Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness through your work with diabetes?ö she asked tens of thousands of Lions near the end of the final plenary session.

The focus on diabetes is part of LCI¢s new global service framework. We are directing our energies and resources toward vision, hunger, the environment, and pediatric cancer and diabetes. We¢re building on our traditions but also giving Lions new ways to serve. Lions can continue to support their local causes, of course, but we ask clubs and districts to contribute to the five areas of focus.

Johnson-Thompson dramatically rung the bell that was struck at the 1925 international convention to ring in Lionsøwork with the blind and visually impaired. For 100 years Lions have always answered the bell. I am fully confident that we will rise to the challenge and fight back against the modern scourge of diabetes.

Naresh Aggarwal

**Lions Clubs International President** 







## Youth Camps & Exchange Program

By Chair Henry Krautwurst

My name is Henry Krautwurst and I am the MD29 Youth Camps & Exchange (YCE) program chair. I plan to submit an article each month regarding the YCE program. I will be submitting an essay written by the YCE students who traveled abroad from WV as well as those students who came to WV from abroad. It is important to me and to the YCE program that the Lions of WV have an opportunity to hear from the students they are supporting through the Parade of Checks and other donations. The first essay is from Payten Brown who traveled to Germany this summer.



Payten Brown

## My Exchange Trip

By Payten Brown

I had the most amazing time in Germany. I couldn't begin to describe the significant impact that my travel abroad trip has had on my life. While in Germany, I was exposed to new cultures, lifestyles, and of course, a whole new language! However, I also made lasting friendships that I wouldn't trade for the world!

When I first arrived at the Frankfurt Airport, I was greeted by my host mother, Gabriela and the President of the Morfelden-Walldorf Lion's Club, Kristoff. Gabriela could be described as a diva. She loved to get dressed up and fix her hair and makeup. She was an older woman. Kristoff was a very tall man with a brown, bushy mustache. He works as one of Frankfurt's finest orthopedic surgeons, which really caught my attention. That evening, I attended a Lion's Club barbecue. Here, I met my host father, Heinz and a few of Gabriela's friends who spoke wonderful English. While at the barbecue, Gabriela made plans with her friend, Tania, for us to visit Hessen's capital, Lagden.

After the barbecue, I got to see my room and bathroom at their home. I was also very surprised because their neighbors were Turkish! Gabriela and Heinz mainly travelled by bicycle or on foot. They owned these very nice bicycles that were electric. They called them city e-bikes and they were VERY fun to ride. I spent the entire week in Morfelden-Walldorf eating at local restaurants, and meeting important figures in the town, such as the mayor! They were very interested in American culture and wished for me to share absolutely everything about my life.

I also got the privilege to meet Florian. Florian is a nineteen-year-old medical school student and also the son of Kristoff. He asked my host parents if I could venture Sachsenhausen with him and his friends, and they agreed. Florian had friends that frequently travelled to America, specifically Florida, so it was very relieving to be able to speak English at a normal pace to him.

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At the end of my host family stay, I moved into the House der Jugen youth hostel. Here, I was reunited with other international Lion's members that I had met at Lion's club get togethers throughout the week. I became very close with the two other Americans, but also Eugen, from Croatia; Alessandra, from Italy; Elsa, from Sweden; and Mattas, from Lithuania. My roommates were from Denmark, Turkey, and Georgia. It was very interesting to learn their daily routine and listen to them talk about their favorite foods and hobbies. While in the youth camp program we did guided tours of a brick factory, tile museum, and old Keltic grounds. My favorite days were when we got to go swimming in a large lake and when we got to volunteer at an international triathlon, called the Ironman.

While in Germany, I was able to learn many new things aside from facts about other countries and their cultures. I also learned a bit of German, Swedish, Italian Latvian, and Croatian! The boy from Texas, Caleb, also taught me how to play chess! In the second week of our camp, we got to visit and tour the University of Frankfurt campus. After touring and spending a large amount of time in Germany and on the campus, I grew very fond of it, feeling much at home. Due to this, I applied to college there and am awaiting my acceptance letter with much eagerness!

My favorite food in Germany was a smaller version of a rotisserie chicken that had been marinated in hot sauce. This was called "firebird", and it seemed to be the German version of hot wings. I was able to bond with many of the students, especially the Turkish Boy, named Alphan, over my love for soccer!

Today, all of the students I made friends with still remain in touch in our GroupMe group message. Every day myself, the other Americans, the Croatian, the Lithuanian, the Italian, and the Swede all text in it. I also still communicate with Florian, Gabriela, and Heinz. Currently, I am enrolled at WVSU and have a very full schedule, but Lindsey (from California) and I have been planning a trip where I could come stay with her in Anaheim. We have also been communicating with Alessandra, and we are planning a trip for the summer after my freshman year in college to visit her in Sicily, Italy.

Without the Lion's Club, I never would have had this experience. It also enlightened me on how my town lacks youth Lion activities. Therefore, I was inspired to visit my school where I have been arduously working to create our OWN Leo's club. I have been very interested in this, and have communicated with both Lindsey and Caleb on how to do this, as they are both the President of their own!

Payten Brown

#### Notice - PDG Association Meeting

The West Virginia Past District Governors' Association will hold its Fall meeting on Sunday, October 22, at 9:30 am at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown. (the 29-I Fall Conference is being held at Lakeview that weekend, October 20-21.) A meeting room location is not yet assigned. All Past District Governors and interested Lions/guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Lion Cindy Glass Secretary, WVPDGA





# WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation Beef Raffle



Dear West Virginia Lion:

It is hoped that every effort is being made to sell/buy ALL the Beef Raffle tickets distributed throughout the state before the November 1st deadline. If your allotment has been sold, please send your check with the ticket stubs (and the correct amount of postage) to me as soon as possible.

Several clubs have requested additional books, and they have been mailed. The amount on hand for distribution is limited, so I ask that if you do not OR cannot purchase/sell your tickets, please return them to me before October 1st so that they can be available for distribution. I will not be printing additional tickets. There is a total of 23,000 tickets out and about, and it is felt that if all these sell, this will be a successful project!

Please return the stubs with a check in the amount of sales (and correct postage) to me at the above address before November 1, 2017. If you can, please send your sales to me prior to the November 5th Sight Foundation Meeting held during District C's Conference.

Keep in mind that every ticket sold has four (4) chances to win! Additionally, if your club sells \$200 or more in tickets, your club will receive credit toward a Leonard Jarrett Award according to the amount of sales that are made. (This amount will be credited to the club account after the completion of this project.)

PLEASE SEND CHECKS – WRITTEN TO THE "WV LIONS BEEF RAFFLE" – ASAP!

Since the Sight Foundation is YOUR Foundation, it is my hope that every club in our state will participate in this project. THANK YOU in advance for your participation in making this raffle a success and helping our fellow West Virginians with their sight and hearing needs.

PDG Paul Amrhein, PDG 4957 Glen Dale Heights Road, Wheeling WV 26003 pamrhein25@comcast.net 304-242-0911 Thanks for all you do! Lion Paul Amrhein, Beef Raffle Chair





## Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat

By PID Larry Johnson

#### PLAN TO ATTEND LEADERSHIP RETREAT! GREAT SEMINARS!

The planning committee for this year's Leadership Retreat has developed a collection of twelve seminars that you will find helpful and interesting. The Retreat, to be held at Stonewall Resort January 28-30, 2018, will provide attendees the opportunity to participate in six of the seminars, and hear four great speakers. Seminars will be repeated, so attendees should be able to attend the ones they want.

The Seminar Committee, under the leadership of PID Steve Glass, is planning seminars that will help leaders with their clubs' operations, such as: Club Officer Orientation, Orientation for All, What is a Cabinet and What Do They Do?, Constitutional Requirements and Ethical Considerations for Every Club, and a seminar on the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Other seminars will cover the changing world of Lionism: Effective Utilization of Social Media and the MyLion app, Leading and Serving in the Next Decade, and Diabetes and Ways Lions Clubs Can Get More Involved.

Still more seminars that are general in nature are planned: The Opioid Crisis in West Virginia, A Leader's Gotta Have HEART, Motivating Volunteers, and Meet The Taters.

The list of seminars is subject to change, but is nearly final. Capable facilitators have been secured, including some from outside of West Virginia and some that are not Lions. Be sure to put the 2018 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 Bob Moffett at 304-363-7060 or rmoffett@ma.rr.com

The Leadership Retreat registration form is attached to this newsletter.





District 29-C News

#### The Adventures of Reo

By Reo the Puppy, and Lion Carolyn Sheets



Woof! Woof! Reo here again! Soooo much has happened since we last chatted. The last few months that I was with my puppy raisers they really worked me hard but I loved it. I was taken to Mt. Washington in Pittsburgh on a hot day for my final "In for Training" test. There were so many people, cars, motorcycles, other dogs, and birds. I did well, TO A POINT! I finally found a shade tree and hit the dirt. I heard puppy counselor say, "He's done! He's not going to do anymore." There were some little birds flitting around in front of me so I tried to grab one. Never did get it. Puppy raisers and counselor didn't like that.

One day in June, puppy raisers took me and big brother Durbin on a long trip. They loaded up lots of our toys, food and sleep mats.... so it was an overnighter. We stayed in a motel that allowed dogs. None of us got any sleep. Durbin and I barked at every sound and I just had a strange feeling something big was about to happen.

The next morning I was taken to the Leader Dog for the Blind facility (Durbin stayed in the truck). I could smell so many other dogs. That strange feeling I had the night before was here. When we got to the door I started trembling. I was both scared and excited. A very nice lady took me and my puppy raisers into a room for debriefing, as Charlie called it. I was really trembling by then. They talked for a while and I explored and sniffed. Then I got everything new; collar, leash, tag, new toy. After a while the nice lady took us to beautiful new kennels called suites. There were 15 – 20 suites in each room called villages. I had my own suite with my name on the door. Wow! My own tray for new toys, and food bowl, my very own water spout which I could touch with my nose and get water anytime I wanted. It was all so clean and shiny. Puppy raiser Carolyn was outside the kennel and I thought I saw tears in her eyes but she turned away and I continued to explore my new surroundings. I found some treats on my tray, also. The nice lady and my puppy raisers left the village and I barked for a bit because I could hear their footsteps going down a long hall.

Puppy raisers Charles and Carolyn tell the rest of the story......Reo had a busy few weeks in training at Leader Dog and had not much time to miss his puppy raisers and Durbin. After a couple weeks getting physicals, neutered, fitted with his own harness, meeting all the others dogs, getting acclimated to his new surroundings, he began formal training by professional Leader Dog trainers and became a friend of the dogs trained by his specific trainer. After five weeks of formal training, we got a phone call telling us Reo had done really well with most everything but leader dogs have to have a 4.0 average to become a Leader Dog for the Blind. Reo had flunked "Cats, squirrels, birds". They could not get him to ignore them, therefore, could not use him as a Leader Dog and were not going to send him to any other agencies. They wanted to know if we wanted him back. After much soul searching and deliberation we decided to let him be adopted. Reo was a big dog and if he decided to go after a bird, Carolyn could not hold him. We were assured he would be well taken care of and have a good home environment. Within two days he was adopted by a family near Rochester Hills. Two of the Leader Dog personnel have emailed us to assure us of his well-being and happiness. We miss Reo and it was very emotional for Carolyn. We have decided not to raise another puppy. We hope we have been successful in raising the awareness in West Virginia for Leader Dogs for the Blind. This experience for us has been very rewarding and adventurous and we have met many exceptional people, especially Lions. We would encourage any others to delve into this experience but be prepared to spend lots of time and energy. No one said it would be easy.





#### Club News



Saturday - October 21 - Sunday - October 22

10:00 am to 6:00 pm - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

**South Charleston Community Center** 

Admission: \$3.50 - Children 12 & under Free

Note: The South Charleston Lions Club has co-hosted the Jewelry, Gem, Mineral & Fossil show for the last 8 years or so. The net profit of the show is divided 50 / 50 between the Lions Club and the Rock Club.

The Southridge Pacesetters Lions Club recently helped run a DOH Safety Break station.
Pictured are just a few of the many volunteers Keeping Holiday Travelers Safe: L-R Bikers Jimmy Napper & Delbert Pancake; E C "Bud" Anderson (Project Co-chair [Lion, Post 94, & WV Friends in Deed]); WV PVA's Brooks Davis; prospective Lions David Kohn, John Taylor & fiance Judy Amendola; far right American Legion So.Chas Post 94 Commander Rodney Kovack.

Not Pictured, but helped: Cyndi, Neal & Gary Anderson of 1st Methodist Church of So Charleston; 1st UMC SC Pastor & Lion Paul Helmick; \*Project Co-Chair Lion & "Friends in Deed COB" Mike Jones; Post 94 Legionnaires Jim Gibson & Roger Lynch; SChas VFW 3466 -Youth Auxiliary's Thomas Stevens. Prior to the photo, WV CMA State Coordinator Tom Roberts



rode out to help.

Committee & Sponsors: SouthRidge-PaceSetters Lions; American Legion Post 94; "WV Friends in Deed" Empowerment Ministry; WV DOH & Goodwill Industries. Outstanding Sponsors: Krispy Kreme Doughnuts; Mgt TeamKim & Hurricane MacDonald's; & Krogers. The DOH was so pleased with this year's success they hope to expand the program.





#### On the Road with 1st VDG Charolette

The Logan Lions clubs placed their 3th Little Library tonight in a remote part of Logan County. It was placed at a restaruant called Granny Jacks located on Cow Creek. This is at least 10 miles to a regular library. They use old newspaper boxes to make into a library where people can come get books and magazines. One of their members said she be glad to come to any club and explain how it works as is a good service project at little cost. -- CH





A picture from South Ridge Pace Setters where they took part in the South Charleston Mount Fest on Sept 9 to raise money to help their community. -- CH



The Kiss A Pig for diabetes held Sept 9 at the South Charleston Mount Festival. They raised over \$2000 to send kids with diabetics to camp. -- CH

St Albans Lions regular meeting with DG Tom Crouser as guest speaker. As members from South Charleston and Charleston West as vistors. -- CH









## Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat January 26-28, 2018 Stonewall Resort, Roanoke, WV



Registration Fee: \$125

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

Please type or print clearly.

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Name	Name for Tag	
Lion or Guest Name	Name for Tag	
Address Ci	ity	
State Zip Code		
Phone (H) (B)	_ (C)	
Email		
Club Name District	<b>=</b>	
First Time Attendee (Yes) (No)		
Please indicate special dietary requirements:		

Make checks payable to: Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat and mail with completed registration form to: PDG Bob Moffett

26 Fairway Lane

Fairmont, WV 26554-2076

Questions: PDG Bob Moffett, 304-363-7060 or rmoffett@ma.rr.com

Room Rate: \$109 (includes breakfast, wi-fi, parking and other amenities) Make room reservations directly to the resort by phone, 304-269-7400, no later than December 26, 2017.

Note: You may request a room close to the Retreat activities when you make your reservation.





Friday: 7 pm Hospitality, 8 pm music Saturday: 8 am: Cabinet meeting, seminar sessions. Lunch. Workshops and activities. 6 pm Reception 6:30 Banquet Sunday: 9:30 am Council of Governor's meeting—open to all

# Lions District 29-C Fall Conference Registration Form Friday, Saturday, Sunday—November 3-4-5, 2017

### Hosted by the Mt. Hope Lions Club

Country Inns and Suites, 2120 Harper Road, Beckley, WV 25801 + (304) 252-5100

Room Deadline: Octobe	er 15, 2017
Full registration includes: Friday entertainment, Satu	urday Lunch, and Saturday Banquet
Full Registration: \$60 per person Friday night only: \$15 Saturday Lunch only: \$25 Saturday Banquet only: \$40  Activities: Friday evening "fun night," music and hospitality room. Saturday: cabinet meeting, seminars, silent auction, do of checks, keynote address by International Director Bruce Boundary Minnesota, banquet, hospitality room and fellowship galore!	eck from Palisade,
Call Now For Room Reso Country Inns and Suites, 2120 Harper Road, Bed	
Only <b>\$79/night</b> for standard room with two queen beds or upgrade to Beds. Hotel is within walking distance of numerous restaurants and les fast, free wi-fi, free parking, swim under indoor-outdoor pool. <b>Pets are</b>	ss than two miles from <b>Tamarack</b> . Free hot break-
Name:	
Spouse or Guest:	
Lions Club:	District if other than 29-C:
Special Dietary Needs:	
First time attendee to our conference? Yes No	Total enclosed \$
1. Call the hotel now at (304) 252-5100 and make your roo	m reservations.
2. Mail this form along with your check payable to <b>District</b> Biggs 1509 Fast Main Street Fast Oak Hill West Virginia	

3. Come, have fun, socialize and learn!



#### Lions International Director

## **Bruce Beck**

Keynote Speaker

### 2017 Lions District 29-C Fall Conference

Country Inns and Suites
2120 Harper Road, Beckley, WV 25801 + (304) 252-5100
Friday and Saturday, November 3-4, 2017

**Bruce Beck** from **Palisade**, **Minnesota**, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 99th International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24 through 28, 2016.

Director Beck is a retired law enforcement administrator.

A member of the Palisade Area Lions Club since 1989, he has held many offices within the association, including club membership chairperson, district extension chairperson, zone chairperson, district governor, council chairperson, district GLT coordinator and multiple district GLT coordinator.

He was also a presenter at the 2014 USA/Canada Forum.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the Membership Key Award, Leadership Award, Extension Award, Zone Chairperson Excellence Award, four International President's Certificates of Appreciation and an International President's Award. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Beck has been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including Chief of Palisade Fire Department, President of the Minnesota Fraud Investigators Association and Councilman for Palisade City.

Director Beck and his wife, Erin, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters.

#### To Register for the Fall Conference:

- 1. Call the hotel now at (304) 252-5100 and make your room reservations.
- 2. Mail registration form along with your check payable to District 29-C Fall Conference to PDG Charlie Biggs, 1509 East Main Street, Oak Hill, West Virginia 25901.
- 3. Come, have fun, socialize and learn!