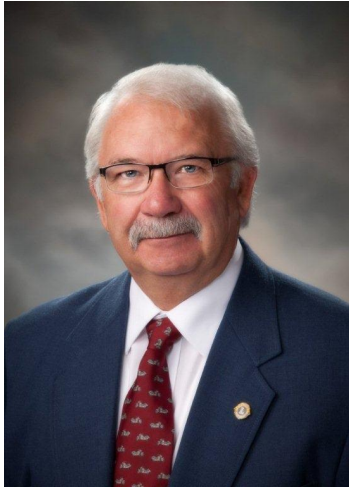


DISTRICT 29-C NEWS



DG's Message

By DG Charles Biggs

Well, it is hard to believe but we are starting the third month of my term as your District Governor. It has been extremely busy, but I am greatly enjoying meeting and working with Lions from across our District. This month I visited the Burnsville Lions at their picnic, and the Beckley, Crab Orchard-MacArthur, and Union Lions at their picnic. Thanks to all those clubs for the gifts and great food! I also attended the Alum Creek Car Show, a great success with a lot of nice rides!

As you will see later in this newsletter, WV Lions again had a presence at the State Fair, providing free vision screening for scores of people. I want to thank all those Lions who worked, and especially Lion Jim Miller for heading up the project. Also, thanks to Scott Underwood from American Campers for providing a very nice camper for our use.

Please remember our District Fall Conference November 4-6 at the Country Inn & Suites in Beckley. The hotel's number is (304)252-5100 and our block of rooms are guaranteed through October 4, so make

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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 are working hard to organize an interesting and fun Conference. International Director Lewis Quinn from Alaska will be the keynote speaker. ID Quinn would like to induct a few new Lions, so any clubs who have prospects for this honor, 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. Classes Saturday are being organized and will include one for Club Presidents and Secretaries, and one on the use of social media. We are hoping for a full house at the Conference, so make your reservations now!

Clubs please remember to pay your International and State dues on time.

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Finally, and most importantly, thanks to all those who have made donations for flood relief in our District. To date, we have distributed more than \$24,000 to local Lions Clubs to help their communities. This is besides the LCIF grant. Again, thanks to all those who contributed – for going “Above and Beyond”.

DG Charlie



LCI News

PDG Charles Sheets is working with Amtrak on group travel to the 2017 International Convention in Chicago and will provide additional info when available. The "Cardinal" Train 51 runs MWF from Washington, DC through southern WV to Chicago. For example Dep. White Sulphur Springs Wed. (June 28th) @ 5:05 pm, Arr. Chicago Union Station 10:05 AM next day, (June 29th). This group would depart Chicago on return July 5, 2017 at 5:45 PM (Wed) Arr. in WSS 11:39 AM (Thur) July 6, 2017.

The Capitol Limited runs everyday between Washington DC and Chicago running through Harpers Ferry, Martinsburg, Cumberland and Connesville Pa, Pittsburg, Pa. Example Dep, Harpers Ferry on (Wed) June 28 at 5:16 PM Arr. in Chicago 8:45 AM June 29, 2017.

2017 LCI Chicago Convention Registration Information

Registration Fee:

Registration Fee through January 13, 2017 is US\$130

From January 14 through March 31, 2017 the regular registration fee is US\$180

April 1, 2017 through onsite registration, the fee is US\$200.

Leo Registration Fee:

Omega Leo - (18 years and over) US\$60

Alpha Leo - (17 years and under) US\$10

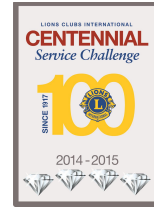
Registrants will receive an official name badge and souvenir medallion, official convention program, and one ticket for the International Show. Convention badges are mailed in late May 2017 to each registered delegate or group.

The 2017 International Convention and Lions Centennial Celebration will be June 30 – July 4, 2017 in Chicago, Illinois. Visit the [LCICON website](http://www.lcicon.org) at www.lionsclubs.org!



Centennial Service Challenge – We’re Almost There!

*by PID Larry G. Johnson
MD 29 Centennial Coordinator*



The latest statistics indicate we have already passed 90% of our goal of impacting the lives of 100 million people during the Centennial Service Challenge. You may remember our goal was to serve 25 million people in each of four areas: Engaging Our Youth, Protecting Our Environment, Sharing the Vision, and Relieving the Hunger. We have already surpassed our goal in two areas, but need to do more in Sharing the Vision and Relieving the Hunger.

The important thing to remember is that many clubs are doing great work in all of these areas, BUT, if the activities are not reported through MyLCI and earmarked as Centennial Service Challenge projects, the numbers do not get included. Clubs participating in the Challenge also earn banner patches each year, recognizing their work. The patches are awarded based on the reporting through MyLCI. If you don't know how to do the reporting, ask your Centennial

Coordinator to suggest a nearby club Secretary that can show you how it's done.

For complete information on the Centennial Service Challenge, the Centennial Membership Challenge, the Centennial Community Legacy Project, and other Centennial resources, go to lionsclubs.org and click on Lions100, then Toolbox.

<http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/toolbox/index.php>

There are many resources on the Lions100 site you can use for club programs and planning ideas, as well as logos, centennial merchandise and more.

Our District 29C Centennial Coordinator is PDG Steve Moss - Oak Hill Lions, (304)465-8522



District Governor's Contest 2016-17

Club Categories

According to Membership as of July 1, 2016

I (1-15) II (16-30) III (31 & Above)

<u>A. Activities and Visitation</u>	<u>Points</u>
Speaker	50
Cabinet Member Speaker	100
Attend Zone Meetings (per member attending)	50
Attend District Conference (per member attending)	100
Club Visitation (per member attending)	10
Leadership School (per member attending)	100
MD (State) Convention (per member attending)	100
Sight Foundation Meeting (per member attending)	100
Club Activities (per member attending)	100
New Member Orientation (per member)	200
Recruit New Member (Each)	100
Net Gain In Membership	500
New Club Sponsor	1000
LEO Club Sponsor	1000
<u>B. Publicity</u>	
Newspaper Article (Send Copy)	200
TV Program or Ad	200
District Newsletter Article	50
International Magazine Article	400
Club Facebook Page (Existing or New)	200
Article Posted to District Facebook Page	50
<u>C. Gold Award</u>	
Confirmation of DG Visit by Sept. 1 st 2016	150
Glasses Purchased (per pair)	50
Recycled Glasses (per pair)	10
Hearing Aids Purchased (per pair)	50
Hearing Aids Recycled (per pair)	10
Parade of Checks and Completed Form Mailed to District Treasurer by October 20, 2016	250

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C. Gold Award (continued)

Top Club in Any Category of DG Contest	500
International Dues and District Dues Paid by September 1, 2016	250
Second Half Dues Mailed by February 15, 2017	500
Melvin Jones Presented (per award)	500
Leonard Jarrett Presented (per award)	500

Clubs may submit points retroactive to July 1, 2016. The contest will end on May 3, 2017. All points for April 2017 must be submitted to PDG Linda Burke by May 8, 2017.

Report any of the information listed above relating to your Club at the end of each month to the Contest Chairperson:

PDG Linda Burke
705 Johnson Street
Oak Hill, WV 25901
lindasburke2013@gmail.com
(Home) 304-469-3014
(Cell) 304-663-4272

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



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



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



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



Peace Poster Contest

The theme of the 2016-17 Peace Poster Contest is "A Celebration of Peace." Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, 2016 are eligible to participate. Eligible birth dates are November 16, 2003 through November 15, 2005.

Lions clubs interested in sponsoring the Lions International Peace Poster Contest can order a Peace Poster Contest kit (PPK-1) from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. The cost of the kit is US\$11.95 plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. The kit is available in all 11 of our official languages. Lions clubs must purchase a kit for each contest sponsored. Each kit contains:

- Official Club Contest Guide and Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant Flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

You can order kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters from January 15 to October 1. To order a kit, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only). To order online, go to Club Supplies (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit). **Kits will be available through October 1, 2016.**

Other important dates:

- December 1: Postmark deadline for a Governor to send one winning district poster to multiple district council chairperson.
- December 1: Postmark deadline for a Governor not belonging to a multiple district to send one winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- December 1: Postmark deadline for a Club not belonging to a district to send one winning entry to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- December 15: Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.
- February 1: International winners notified on or before this date.

Essay Contest

Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to sponsor students in the Lions International Essay Contest. This essay contest was created to offer an opportunity to visually impaired young people to express their feelings of peace. The theme of the 2015-16 Lions International Essay Contest is "A Celebration of Peace." Students who are visually impaired and who are ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate.

For questions about either contest call Lion Terry Skeens at 304.253.5317 or email her at terryannskeens@gmail.com



Reading Action Program

by Lion Lisa Keffer, Chairperson

Whether you are an educator with a passion to help a child learn how to read, an entrepreneur ready to help develop a community-based literacy program, an information technology expert who can help introduce new technology to the visually impaired, or someone who simply enjoys reading to a child, no effort is too small to make a big difference.

The following are a few project ideas that members of your club and district may consider taking on:

- Serve as a volunteer reader
- Promote Braille literacy
- Provide support to your local library
- Help build a classroom for underserved children
- Organize a book drive

Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat

by PID Larry G. Johnson

Retreat Publicity/Promotion Committee Chairperson

The 2017 Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat is scheduled to be held at Lakeview Golf Resort and Spa, January 27-29, 2017. PCC Gary Van Horn, Chairperson, and his committee have been working hard to plan an exceptional weekend. All Lions are welcome to participate, but club and district officers and those who aspire to such positions will find it of special interest.

The Retreat is designed to provide an opportunity for Lion leaders to enhance their leadership skills and deepen their commitment to community service. The format is similar to that of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Four meals, each with a speaker, are included in the \$125.00 registration fee.

The first meal is Friday's dinner. There will be four seminar opportunities on Saturday, as well as lunch and dinner with speakers. Attendees can attend two more seminars on Sunday morning before the closing luncheon. All seminars are presented by

experienced Lions, many from within West Virginia, or other presenters with unique perspectives on their topics. In addition, the Multiple District program chairpersons are all invited to have displays and information about their programs.

Details of speakers and seminars are not yet complete, but they will cover a variety of topics. Some are not unique to Lions, and will be of interest to non-Lion guests and spouses. Full details will be included in future newsletters and the Retreat brochure, which will be issued soon.

The Lakeview Resort is welcoming the Lions, and is working with the Committee to provide the best possible meeting experience. Those who need rooms close to the Retreat meeting space may make that request when they make their room reservations. The room rate includes a daily continental breakfast.

Get a head start! Registrations are being accepted now, and the Resort is taking room reservations. See the form included with this newsletter.



Leader Dog Puppy Raisers

If at first you don't succeed...

by Lion Carolyn Sheets

District Leader/Pilot Dog Program Chairperson

As you know, our first try at raising a Future Leader Dog puppy rendered itself to us having a wonderful black lab as our own pet. Don't know what we would do without him now. "Durbin" is now 3 yrs. old and very much settled down. Charles and I did not want to give up on the first try so we now have another puppy, "Reo", who is half Golden Retriever and half Yellow Lab. He was born June 2, 2016, and amazes me every day at how smart these dogs are. We humans do not give them enough credit. They just speak a different language.

Leader Dog has greatly changed their method of training these puppies. Their new manual should be completed by the end of August. We still have them for a year and teach them the same commands such as Heel, Sit, Stand, etc., but in a very different way. Also, I can see a big difference in the disposition of this new puppy and Durbin. Reo seems much more calm and obedient from the beginning, than Durbin. Durbin was a "hyper" dog, always on the move. Reo likes to sleep and goes in his crate willingly.

We went to Rochester Hills, MI, and picked up Reo July 26. He was 7 weeks old and weighed 11 lbs. He has grown so quickly, weighing almost 20 lbs. now. I think he will be a bigger dog than Durbin who weighs 73.

The Kennel Renovation is almost complete and the \$14.5 million has been raised and pledged. The new facility is beautiful, much bigger, brighter and more convenient. The best part is that the puppies are now in a glass enclosed area in the lobby for all to see. All the dogs, sizes and ages, are much more accessible to trainers and volunteers. They are the center of all activity, which they should be. The day we were there several puppy raisers had brought their dogs in, now a year old, to leave them for their



formal training. The Future Leader Dogs reminded me of the first day for freshmen entering college. They looked a little nervous and wondering what they were supposed to do. The professional trainers already had several on their leashes and taking them outside.....through the main lobby.

All you Lions wish us luck with Reo. Maybe he will be a Leader Dog for some lucky client. He is beautiful and a sweetie.

If you are interested in more information, visit the Leader Dog website:

<http://www.leaderdog.org/>

or feel free to contact me at:

csheets4@frontiernet.net





Club News



As a part of our on-going goal to participate in the Lions International Centennial Service Projects, on Saturday, August 6, 2016, six Lions from the Logan Lions Club participated in an event designed to provide service to the youth of our area. For over a year now, the Logan Lions have sponsored two Little Free Libraries in Logan County, providing free books to everyone who stops by. Each of these Little Free Libraries will hold about 20 to 30 books at a time. But on August 6, the Lions set up tables and offered a larger selection of new and used books to both children and adults, free lemonade, and free school supplies for students. Persons who stopped by the Little Free Library on Stratton Street were given the opportunity to comb through approximately 200 new and used books that have been donated to the Little Free Library in recent months. In addition to selecting books, children and their parents were able to pick up notebooks, crayons, glue sticks, rulers, markers, dictionaries, and other school supplies.



Club News

The article below was published in the The Morgan Messenger, August 3, 2016. Contributed by PDG Glenn Ryburn.

Concert for a Cause



The Concert for a Cause to benefit the WV flood victims held Sunday, July 31 at Berkeley Springs State Park raised \$649. The support from the artists, the community and the Farmers Market vendors was appreciated. The Lions will send the money to District 29-C in southern West Virginia. The musicians' desire was to help the folks in Rainelle, one of the most devastated towns in that district. The Berkeley Springs Lions Club will continue to collect donations for this cause.

Lions Screening Vision at the WV State Fair

The West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, Inc. again sponsored free eye screenings at the WV State Fair.

Local coordinator, White Sulphur Springs Lion Jim Miller, reported that during the five days the eye screening units were operating, 518 people were screened, with 85 of those referred for further testing by professionals.

Forty individuals from ten Lions Clubs volunteered to participate in the five-day event. Also, WVLSCF Trustee Steve Clendenen volunteered to tow the eye screening RV from Bradley to the fairgrounds and set it up for use.

Setting up and performing free eye screenings for the public at the fair is a community service local Lions have done for the past several years. If someone needs eyeglasses and cannot afford them, the Lions are always there to help.

This year, the Sight Conservation Foundation

would also like to thank Scott Underwood and American Campers of Bradley, WV, for donating the use of a beautiful air-conditioned RV to use as the Lions' eye-screening "office." Many thanks also to all of the clubs who made this possible and made this year's program a success.

Clubs participating were:

Alderson, Clay, Durbin, Gary, Hinton, Lewisburg, Mt. Hope, Ronceverte, Union, and White Sulphur Springs.



Lions Don Massey, Jim Williams, and Coordinator Jim Miller were some of the volunteers who did eye screenings at the WV State Fair this year.

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.

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

South Charleston Lions 80th Anniversary Dinner

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

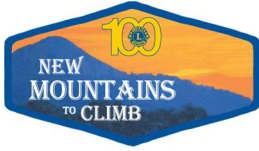
Speaker PID Larry Johnson

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

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:

Make checks payable to: District 29C Fall Conference

PCC Dennis Keffer

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.