



The West Virginia Lion

96th Convention Issue

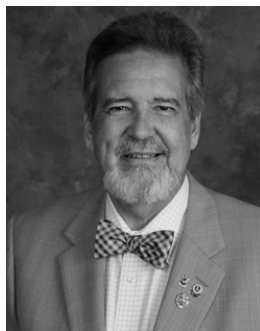
Morgantown, WV May 4-6, 2018

**The Lions Club of Clarksburg welcomes you to the
96th MD 29 Convention of the Lions of West Virginia.**

Haynes H. Townsend Third Vice President

Judge Haynes Townsend, from Dalton, Georgia, USA, was elected to serve as third vice president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 100th International Convention, held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, June 30 through July 4, 2017. Vice President Townsend is a judge.

A member of the Dalton Noon Lions Club since 1979, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, region chair, zone chair, district governor, district librarian, multiple district leadership chair and international director. He served on the international board from 2009 to 2011, and as chair of the Constitution and By-laws Committee (2010–2011). He also served as a presenter at the USA/Canada Forum.



In recognition of his service to the association, Vice President Townsend has received numerous awards including three Lion of the Year Awards, 15 District Governor Appreciation Awards, the Ervin-Crumbley Award, District 18-A Hall of Fame Award, six International President Certificates of Appreciation, two International Leadership Awards, six International President Awards, a Membership Key Award and a Knight of Strength Award. Director Townsend is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Vice President Townsend is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is currently the chair of the Dalton-Whitfield Christmas Parade and was honored as the Judge of the Year by the State of Georgia.

Vice President Townsend and his wife, Donna, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters.

Greetings from the Convention Chairperson and the Chairperson of the Council of Governors

On behalf of the host committee, The Lions Club of Clarksburg, and the entire Council of Governors of Multiple District 29, we cordially invite you to attend and welcome you to the 96th annual convention of the Lions of West Virginia. We hope and trust that you will find the weekend of May 4-6, 2018 at the beautiful and rustic Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa to be filled with much fun, great fellowship, wonderful entertainment and lots of learning to enhance your Lions service and leadership.

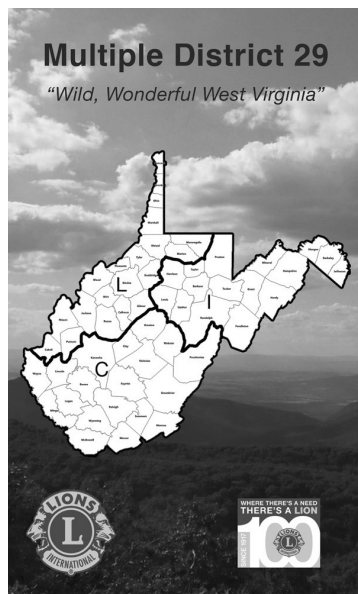
This weekend will offer the last annual convention for the Lions of West Virginia in the first centennial of our service. As you know, our Centennial Service Celebration will culminate this year at the International Convention in Las Vegas on June 29-July 3, 2018, so we want to do everything that we can to make this multiple district convention special and memorable. From different entertainment to a new and unique service project, to different and exciting seminars and speakers, our goal is to provide you a memorable experience that you will want to share with others.

We also invite you to visit some of the attractions around Morgantown and the historic downtown and enjoy the variety of stores, restaurants, and vintners that the area offers. Enjoy a stroll on the many rails to trails and visit nearby Coopers Rock State Forest if nature is calling you.

"To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs" is our great mission, which summarizes our past, present, and future. What better way to demonstrate and fulfill that motto, than by joining with your fellow Lions at Lakeview to reconnect, renew, reenergize, and prepare for our next century of service! You are most cordially invited!

Yours in Friendship, Service, and Leadership,

Cindy Glass, MD 29 Council Chairperson
PID Steve Glass, General Convention Chairperson



96th Lions of West Virginia State Convention Events Program

Friday, May 4

11:00 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Registration
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	MD 29 Council Meeting (to approve final convention budget)
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.	PDGA Luncheon
1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	PDGA Meeting
3:00 p.m.	WVLSCF Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Banquet
8:00 p.m.	Entertainment - Matt's Blues

Saturday, May 5

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Registration
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	MD 29 Business Session
12:00 p.m. - 1 p.m.	Luncheon
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Registration
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Seminar 1
2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.	Seminar 2
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Appalachian Prison Book Project Service Project
4:00 p.m.	Strides Walk
5:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	VP Townsend Reception
6:15 p.m.	Banquet
8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Entertainment - Trailer Grass Orchestra

Sunday, April 30

8:00 a.m.	District Conventions (Breakfasts)
10:00 a.m.	Necrology Service
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Luncheon
1:15 p.m.	MD 29 Council Meeting WVLSCF Meeting

District Convention Calls

In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the Standard Form District By-Laws, I hereby issue the Official Call for the 2018 District 29-L Convention. The District 29-L Convention will be held Sunday morning, May 6, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa. The purpose of the convention is to elect a District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, trustees to the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, and other elected positions, if required, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Issued by me on this 28th day of February, 2018.

LeeAnn Welch
District Governor, 29-L
signed electronically

In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the Standard Form District By-Laws, I hereby issue the Official Call for the 2018 District 29-C Convention. The District 29-C Convention will be held Sunday morning, May 6, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa. The purpose of the convention is to elect a District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, trustees to the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, and other elected positions, if required, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Issued by me on this 28th day of February, 2018.

Tom Crouser
District Governor, 29-C
signed electronically

In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the Standard Form District By-Laws, I hereby issue the Official Call for the 2018 District 29-I Convention. The District 29-I Convention will be held Sunday morning, May 6, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa. The purpose of the convention is to elect a District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, trustees to the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, and other elected positions, if required, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Issued by me on this 28th day of February, 2018.

Ken Shahan
District Governor, 29-I
signed electronically

Candidates for District Governor



Gary Pitcock District L



Charolette Henson District C



Robert "Rob" Bright District I

Candidates for First Vice District Governor



Jordan Glass District L



Keyota Jarvis District C



Ruth Straley District I

Candidates for Second Vice District Governor



Daniel Heintzman District L*
William Syphers District L*



Gary Boyd District C*



John Mason District I*

*Candidates have sought endorsement from their clubs. Photos are not available at printing time.

Convention Information

Reservations and Registration

Please make your room reservations before April 10, 2018 by calling Lakeview directly at 304-594-1111. We have blocked 10 rooms for Thursday night and 50 rooms each for Friday and Saturday nights. The room rate for Lions is \$109.00 per night plus all applicable taxes for single or double occupancy. Please tell them at the desk that you are with the MD 29 Lions Convention when you make your reservation.

Please submit your convention registration fee before April 20, 2018. The \$100 per person registration fee includes the cost of Friday dinner, Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, and Sunday lunch. We are also offering special rates for those who cannot attend all the functions. Please see the enclosed registration form. When you register, please indicate which meal/meals you are attending if you are not sending the entire registration, and make sure you send the correct amount. We will have a hospitality room available throughout the weekend courtesy of our candidates for district governor, first and second vice district governors. A cash bar will also be available during each night's entertainment.

The Sunday morning district convention breakfast is not a part of the multiple district convention registration fee. It is separate, and tickets must be purchased through your district governor or cabinet secretary-treasurer.

Bring Your Club Banners

Remember to bring your club banners to display during convention activities. The banners must have a banner pole in order to be displayed. We cannot tape, pin, or nail club banners to any wall.

Silent Auction

We ask that each club donate one item for our silent auction so that there will be a good variety of items to bid on when you come to the Convention. We will accept gift cards and packages as well as the usual hand-made and hand-crafted items. Possible ideas include any of the following: a handmade craft item, specialty or theme baskets, special glassware or collections, trading pins, wearing apparel (ties, vests, scarves, etc.), gift certificates, and packages. We ask that you bring items that are enticing enough that YOU will be willing to bid.

Please email or call Lion Cindy Glass at cinwa130@gmail.com or 304-203-2006 with the item being donated, item's value, club name, and who to contact with their email address and phone number.

Displays and Vendors

We will have space in the lobby area of the facility to provide for display space for Lion programs and charities so if you are a multiple district chairperson, please contact the committee to let us know that you will have a display. We will also be offering space to any group that may want to offer products or services, providing space is available on a first come-first served basis.

Entertainment and Service

Matt's Blues

Matthew Jordan is a young touring pianist who is a singer, songwriter, performer, with a wide genre: blues, New Orleans jazz, rockabilly, boogie-woogie, swing and more. He is a sure crowd pleaser for all ages. See more at <http://mattsblues.com>.



The Trailer Grass Orchestra



The Trailer Grass Orchestra is a high energy, interactive, great time, bluegrass band. TGO is able to take some of the greatest hits from the 80's, 90's, 2000's, and today, and transform them into hand clapping/boot stomping bluegrass classics. See more at <http://trailergrassorchestra.com>.

Appalachian Prison Book Project Service Project

The Appalachian Prison Book Project (APBP) is a nonprofit organization that sends free books to people imprisoned in the Appalachian region and facilitates year-round book clubs inside federal prisons in West Virginia. It grew out of an American prison literature course taught by Katy Ryan in 2004 at West Virginia University. Since then, APBP has mailed over 20,000 free books to people in prison in six states: West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, and Maryland.

APBP is a labor-intensive effort that requires books, volunteers, money for postage and supplies, and lots of organization. A team of volunteers responds to letters from imprisoned people who are looking for reading materials. The Project receives approximately 100 letters every week.

You can bring new or slightly used books to donate to the project. Self-help or how to books in paperback form are needed. Hard cover books cannot be accepted. You will have the opportunity to wrap books and send a note of encouragement to an incarcerated person during our activity session. You may also make a financial donation.

MD 29-L District Governor LeeAnn Welch

Namaste.

It's hard to wrap my head around the fact this Lions year is coming to a close. I've made new friends around the District, the nation and the world and traveled to parts of Wild, Wonderful West Virginia I'd never been.

Your hospitality has been wonderful and warm. Your understanding of my travel challenges being a full-time journalist has been most appreciated. Your friendship is most cherished. Our Vice District Governors, Gary Pitcock and Jordan Glass have been marvelous to make visits in their regions of the District during my work weeks, and I thank you both.



This next century of Lionism is not without challenge; we must strengthen our existing clubs and strive to make entry into new areas of service to our state. We appreciate the rich heritage of our individual clubs, but now we must focus on the future.

Through the Power of We, the Power of Service and the Power of Action, we will make a positive impact on the future of West Virginia.

There are a few other Lions and clubs beyond the Vice Governors, which need recognition for their unselfish assistance to me personally this club year. First, my own club, The Huntington Downtown Lions Club, which has supported me with their wisdom, encouragement and finances; I believe they are some of the finest Lions and gentlemen in the state, if not the nation. Next, the Lesage Lions Club has provided guidance, emotional support and wheels for my travel, in addition to hosting the District Conference. From that club, PDGs Karen Hall-Dundas, Donna Pinkerman, John Pinkerman and Kris Pinkerman, have been tremendous pillars of strength on which we built this house. And finally, one of my oldest, dearest friends and fellow Highlander, PDG Harry Schramm, who has kept me driving in the proper lane, reeling me in when I get frustrated and been my Secretary-Treasurer. I could not have done this without you.

It has been a privilege and honor to be your District Governor, the first in our great Association's next century of service.

Focus forward. We Serve.

MD 29-C District Governor Tom Crouser

Time flies when you're having fun and time has flown for me. It's hard to believe that only a year ago my term as District Governor of 29-C was just beginning. And now, it's almost over.

While starting from ground zero a little more than a year ago, a whirlwind has taken me to the heights of our International Convention in Chicago, fall conference in Beckley, Leadership School at Stonewall Resort, Cabinet Meetings, many, many club visitations, and now back to our Multiple District Convention, I have met many old friends and made new ones, stuffed goody bags, and participated in many new member and officer inductions. Along the way, we have had Lions step up to Zone and District responsibilities and reinvigorated the District.



A big thank you to all the clubs, as well as club officers and members for your kind hospitality during the year. Its great to see the many ways that "We Serve" our communities throughout the state. Also I want to thank our Cabinet officers for this year, especially 1VDG Charolette Henson, Secretary-Treasurer Paul Wheeler, and PDG Charlie Biggs. Also thanks to each and every member of the District 29-C Cabinet. It has been my honor to serve with you this year. And thanks to my fellow Governors, DG Ken Shahan and DG Lee Ann Welch, as well as CC Cindy Glass, for their support and encouragement throughout the year.

And personal thanks to the Mount Hope Lions Club who not only hosted our Fall Conference but who hosted me a number of occasions at their meetings this year. A special shout out is due to the Charleston West Lions Club's Evelyn Coleman and Phyllis Fisher who got me into this thing in the first place, as well as PDG Charlie Biggs and my home, Sissonville Lions Club.

As a District, we have accomplished much. There is much more to do. And we are set upon a course to doing it.

DG Tom Crouser

MD 29-I District Governor Ken Shahan

It's hard for me to believe that my term as District Governor of 29-I is almost over.

What a journey this has been! Serving as your District Governor this year will be a time that I will remember and cherish for the rest of my days. I have developed new friendships all over the state and country; including Lions I met at the Lions International Convention's 100th year Anniversary, in Chicago. What a way to start my term as the first District Governor in our 2nd century of Lionism. Traveling to every club and meeting so many outstanding Lions has truly been one of the most rewarding and fun parts of being your Governor.



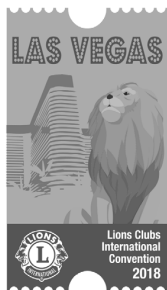
I want to thank all the clubs, their officers and members for your wonderful hospitality. It's always so nice to see and hear all the good things you do to serve your communities. I also want to thank all the members of my Cabinet for their hard work and dedication to District 29-I. It has been a pleasure serving with you.

A big thank you to my home club, the Nutter Fort Lions, for the support they have given me. I appreciated their encouragement and understanding and I look forward to attending their meeting as a regular Lion. Also I want to offer a very special thanks to my CST Mary Jane Bright and fellow officers, FVDG Rob Bright, SVDG Ruth Straley. They made my job so much easier, for they help me keep this ship on course. I cannot express in words how much they have meant to me.

I would also like to thank my fellow Lions, DG Lee Ann Welch, DG Tom Crouser and CC Cindy Glass for their support this year. We tried our best to make MD29 a little bit better than when we started. I hope we did. I know we will continue to serve and help those who follow us. All the best to the incoming DG's and I would like to say to them, "have fun and enjoy the ride." It passes so quickly. Lastly I would like to thank my wife Paula who has always been beside me in whatever I needed to do. Without her love and support I couldn't be the man I need and want to be.

"Moving Forward Together"

DG Ken



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The West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, Inc.

Fifty-eight years of serving our state and community

Our mission is to provide sight, hearing, and low vision services for qualified West Virginians.

Governance:

The Foundation shall be governed by a Board of Trustees, consisting of the District Governors of each District of Multiple District 29 and three members elected from each District ("Elected Trustees").

29-L

PDG Jeff Baxter
PID Larry Johnson
PDG George Woodrum
DG LeeAnn Welch

29-C

Steve Clendenin
Keyota Jarvis
Jim Slamick
DG Tom Crouser

29-I

Kathy Brockett
PCC Barbara Fishel
PDG Glenn Ryburn
DG Ken Shahan

How can Lions help support WVLSCF?

Individual donations	Make the WVLSCF a beneficiary in your will
Memorial contributions	Donate stocks
Club donations	Charitable annuities
Matching gifts through your employer	Corporate contributions

A message from the President

Your Foundation has had a great year! The trustees have worked diligently to promote the foundation throughout the state. We want every Lion to know how important you and your clubs are to the Foundation.

With your support, the foundation provided three cataract surgeries and 45 hearing aids this year. We worked closely with the WVU Eye Institute to finish and close a grant for research with Dr. Vishy Ramamurthy involving rods and cones in the eye. Becky Coakley at the Eye Institute worked tirelessly to promote the Children's Vision Rehabilitation and Adult Vision Rehabilitation programs throughout the state. Both of these programs grew out of our continuing partnership with the Eye Institute. We take pride in these partnerships. The Foundation purchased portable screening cameras to use in schools, churches, and malls.

I want to thank all of our trustees, the district governors, and all of the great clubs and members for their generous donations to the Foundation. Without your support these things were not possible. I appreciate everyone's support these past two years. A big thank you to our secretary-treasurer, PCC Pete! You made this job easier.

PDG Jeff Baxter, President, WVLSCF, Inc.

2018 Multiple District Convention Registration Form

May 4-6, 2018
Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa

Registration Fee: \$100.00 per person for full weekend
(Includes four meals, entertainment both nights, seminars, and more!)

For Friday night dinner and activities only: \$40.00
For Saturday Luncheon and activities only: \$30.00
For Saturday night dinner and activities only: \$50.00

Hotel Room: \$109 per night plus all applicable taxes for single or double occupancy.

Make room reservation directly with Lakeview at (304) 594-1111 by April 10, 2018.

Make sure that you tell them you are with the Lions MD Convention for the special rate.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

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If any meal restrictions, please indicate here _____

Amount Enclosed _____

If you are not paying for full registration, please indicate here which events that you are paying for _____

Make checks payable to 2018 MD 29 Convention. PayPal option is available by contacting Steve Glass. Please mail completed registration by April 20, 2018 to PID Steve Glass 191 Ridgeway Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330.

If you have any questions, please contact PID Steve Glass at 304-203-2988 or scjglass@aol.com.

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