

DISTRICT 29-C NEWS



District Governor's Report

The first month, as District Governor, went by so fast!

I had the honor of visiting a few clubs, attending a couple of zone meetings, and had the opportunity to install three new members.

We have an exciting year coming up! It will be starting with a visit from 1st International Vice President and Mrs. Choi on August 17th.

Fall conference will be November 2-4, at the Charleston Marriott Town Center. Cost of the conference will be \$60. Rooms will be available at \$99 a night which includes parking. As a service project, we will be asking each club to bring a food basket to the fall conference. The baskets will be donated to a local food pantry.

Registration will start around August 15th, for both the conference and rooms. More information will be provided for the conference, as it gets nearer.

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I am currently scheduling club visitations, so please let me know when I may visit yours.

Also, let me know if you need help, in any way, with your club.



...photo of District Governor's Appreciation Banquet, 7-28-18...

Special Bulletin

Lions Clubs International, First Vice-President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, from the Republic of Korea, will be arriving at Charleston's Yeager Airport on August the 17th at 3:30PM. We would love to have as many Lions as possible come out to welcome he and his wife to WV.

A "meet and greet" reception will follow at 6:30PM. The reception will be at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 400 Second Avenue, South Charleston. This is open to all Lions of West Virginia. If you are planning to attend, then please notify me, at 304-951-9022, by August 12th.

If you need to spend the night, the Holiday Inn will have special rates for any Lion. The cost will be \$109/night which includes a continental breakfast. Call 304-744-4641 for reservations.

Thank you,

DG Charolette Henson



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CONTEST

We are one month into this quarter's contest!

The following six clubs have added new members this month; Union, Marlinton, Gassaway, Beckley, Burnsville, and Dunbar.

Remember that the District Governor's Contests are quarterly this year.

The first quarter contest is based on membership. The club with the highest percentage of increase in membership will be the winner. The winning club will be announced at the fall conference, and presented with an award, so work hard on membership this quarter!

The September newsletter will announce the contest for the second quarter.



Zone 3 meeting at Dunbar Gino's

Mark Your Calendars – DG Club Visits & More

August 11th ... WV Sight Conservation meeting in Clarksburg, WV

August 20th ... DG visiting Burnsville Lions Club

September 11th ... Zone 5 meeting at Cedar Grove

September 21st – 22nd ... USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Columbus Ohio

October 12th – 14th ... District I Conference in Shepherdstown, WV

October 22nd – 25th ... Putnam County 6th Graders Eye Screening

If you haven't done so yet, then contact DG Charolette Henson to schedule her visit to your club!

Editor's Note:

Please have submissions for the 29-C newsletters in by the 1st day of the month. Issues will be posted soon thereafter.

DG Charolette Henson asked me to assume newsletter producer/editor responsibilities. In the spirit of "lionism", I have agreed to help. However, I am in no way qualified for such a position. I have no experience, or training, in this field. If you would like the opportunity to serve in this capacity, then contact me or DG Charolette Henson on the matter. Knowing how important communication is to an organization, I would feel much better having someone with knowledge and experience in this position.

A special thanks to Lion Roger Norrod for being the previous newsletter editor (2014-2018). You never know how much work goes into such things until you actually do them.

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1st VDG Message

By District 29-C 1st VDG Keyota Jarvis



Greetings, Lions of District 29-C. I am excited to start a new year, and work with District Governor Charolette.

Ray Harper, from New Club Development, and I worked July 9th thru the 12th in Summersville, West Virginia, trying to get a club back in that area. I am still working on getting this club running. Please contact me if you can help at charityinwv@yahoo.com, or call my cell at 304-651-4150.

I attended the new Dunbar Centennial Club's dinner where their new members were inducted, and officers installed. Great job Charolette in assisting this new club! I'm excited to have these new Lions onboard.

I am looking forward to seeing many Lions throughout this year as my husband's (Lion Don) health allows. He suffered a mild stroke and will be having a heart valve replacement soon, but I'm confident he will come thru this with a new lease on life and his Lion's heart will be as good as new.

2nd VDG Message

By District 29-C 2nd VDG Gary Boyd



I hope everyone is having a great summer! I have had the opportunity over the last few months to visit with many clubs and hear of many outstanding service projects in our district, of which I was unaware.

That brings me to the first point I want to make. We not only need to enter our data at the International level for credit to show the number of people impacted by our good deeds, but we also need to make sure we publicize our activities to our community through social media, local newspapers, and radio stations in order to let folks know what our organization accomplishes and also that we have a whole lot of fun accomplishing it.

This brings me to the second point I want to make, I feel that the best way to attract members is to show potential members an organization that is efficient, fun to be a part of, and that provides them with opportunity to grow and succeed!

Best,

Gary Boyd



Lions Protocol

By PID Steve Glass

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What is Protocol? In short, it is a code of correct etiquette or manners. Why is it important? It helps a presiding officer or committee maintain decorum and respect during a meeting. Supplementing protocol is another great tool: *Robert's Rule of Order*, which governs the conduct of business meetings as ideas and suggestions move along a path to becoming the policy of the governing body. Every presiding officer at every meeting should develop a solid working knowledge of **Robert's Rules of Order**.

For now, I want to focus on proper protocol when the district governor is visiting your club since many of you are scheduling district governor visits at this time. Here are some practical tips to help you:

1. **Do not have any other business during the district governor's visit.** At this meeting the district governor is the program.
2. Have a member, preferably a past president, meet the district governor and host the district governor until dinner, making sure that the district governor has an opportunity to meet as many club members as possible.
3. Be sure the district governor is seated at the head table next to the club president, and that it is determined in advance who will formally introduce the district governor, i.e. zone chairperson, vice district governor, cabinet secretary, etc. If accompanied by a spouse, the spouse joins the district governor at the head table, but never on the end!
4. The district governor should never be introduced at any time other than when they are ready to speak.
5. When the district governor is introduced, those present should stand and applaud.
6. District officers are usually treated as guests of the club.
7. **It is never considered good taste to interrupt and fine the district governor.**
8. The district governor often would like to meet briefly with club board of directors so allow time for that if requested, and feel free to discuss club problems or issues with the district governor or district leadership team members present.

Until next time, thank you for your leadership and service! Remember, according to the overwhelming majority of former Lions who gave exit interviews, long, boring, and unproductive meetings are the top reasons they left. You have an opportunity to change that through observing proper protocol and adhering to *Robert's Rules of Order* in conducting your club's business!



Global Leadership Team (GLT) Multiple District Coordinator

What is our Position Overview?

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As the GLT multiple district coordinator, my role is to educate, coach, and mentor the district coordinators to help districts achieve their leadership goals. My effort directly impacts the district's ability to develop quality leaders. One very important leadership learning opportunity for all Lions at every level is the UDA/Canada Leadership Forum, which is held this year on September 20-22, 2018 in Columbus, Ohio. This is the closest it has ever been for most of us in West Virginia so I am hoping that many West Virginia Lions will attend. This year's theme is "Building Teams Through Leadership." I urge every Lion to register and attend the Forum! Registration forms can be obtained from your district governor, district GLT coordinator, or you can find more information or register on-line at lionsforum.org, or registrar@lionsforum.org, or call 605-723-4007. The Forum is just that: four banquet meals with four dynamic, motivation speakers and over 100 seminars on various topics of Lionism and leadership covering virtually every subject that club, district, and multiple district leaders need. I do hope that I will see you there!

Another great resource for helping leaders and aspiring leaders to gain knowledge and information is the Lions Learning Center, which can be found as a link off the LCI web site under leadership resources. This on-line portal allows the user to create a user name and password then work at self-paced study through many leadership topics, such as Team Building, Motivating Your Team, Conflict Resolution, Effective Listening, and many more. I encourage you to take a look at the site, register, and begin to discover what's available to you from the comfort of your home or office.

One of the goals that I have asked the district governors and the district GLTs to share with me this year is to **identify ten Lions in each district as potential club and district leaders and to ensure that they are assigned mentors and trained for leadership roles**. Often this is just a matter of sharing information with them and encouraging them to attend events where they can learn new things about Lionism that will give them the confidence to step out of their comfort zone and take a leadership role. This is vital for the longevity of our clubs and our districts. *We need different leaders with different skill sets if we are going to see and reach Beyond the Horizon. If you are one of those Lions who want this opportunity please contact me, or your district GLT or district governor ASAP. We need you!* Until next time thank you for your service and leadership.





THE AMAZING LION DON JARVIS

By Cathy Sowa

Clay County Free Press

Clay Lions member Don Jarvis has led quite a life during his 90 plus years. And he still is such an active nonagenarian that younger folk may have difficulty keeping up with him.

He has been a blacksmith, a Captain and a US Navy Pilot on an aircraft carrier (was shot down, injured his shoulder, and rescued from the ocean by an Air Force pilot). He has flown spy planes, attended presidential briefings, and been a flight instructor. He has won an amateur car race. He ran a Clay County water public service district and orchestrated a way to substitute the collateral for its debt so that it could combine with another public service district. He has served as president of the Cattlemen's Association (raised Black Angus) and was a yearly fixture at the State Fair. And he has served as a construction contract manager for public projects.

He still attends Lions Club meetings and District Governor Cabinet Meetings, not to mention District and State Conventions. He is a Trustee for the Clay Lions Scholarship Fund. He is trying to start other Lions Leo Clubs. He serves on the local Conservation District Board and keeps up with the Legislature. He is President of the

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Clay County Parks and Recreation. He yearly spends many hours getting the Pool ready and just personally bought playground equipment for the Park. He is a Beekeeper, Landlord, and cuts his own hay (a “one-man operation”). And he washes the undercarriage of his truck by parking in a creek.

But with all that he has done, and still does, the one thing that stands out is his commitment to making sure that children have good vision for school. In the last couple years as Lions Zone 7 Chairman, he ensured that the Lions, together with the School Nurses, eye-screened the students in Clay and Braxton counties (pre-K, elementary, middle & high schools). In fact, all the Zone 7 clubs (Burnsville, Clay, Flatwoods-Heaters, Gassaway and Sutton) helped screen the Braxton High School students last March and Lion Don was there with a coffee cup in his hand. Lion Don has purchased two PlusOptix mobile eye screeners for the Clay Lions Club through the West Virginia Lions Sight Foundation. Each costs about \$6,000. Those machines can tell whether a person needs to see an optometrist. And it is great for pre-school youngsters who may have difficulty with normal eye-screening charts.

Lion Don’s interest in children eye screening began with his own children. Even though he has (and still has) excellent eye sight (he was a navy pilot), the school called him and his wife to take their children to an optometrist. And was Lion Don surprised when his daughter told him what she could see when she got her eyeglasses!

Lion Don and his wife, Keyota (Lion’s Vice District Governor) live on a farm in Maysel. But they are often crisscrossing our State for Lions and other reasons. And Lion Don says that he takes no prescription medication, which is pretty good for being over 90 years old.



Lions Clubs International's first female International President!



GUDRUN YNGVADOTTIR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Gudrun Yngvadottir, from Gardabaer, Iceland, was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 101st International Convention, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, June 29 through July 3, 2018.

International President Yngvadottir is a biomedical scientist and has worked in research, education and management. Since 1990 she has worked at the University of Iceland as Vice Director at the Institute of Continuing Education.

A member of the Gardabaejar Eik Lions Club since 1992, President Yngvadottir has held many offices within the association, including district governor council chairperson. She has dedicated her service to children and youth, membership and leadership development, health and wellness, including vision and diabetes, environmental projects and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

President Yngvadottir served as international director 2010-2012 on the Leadership Committee, as chairperson the second year; 2011-2013 on the Women's Task Force; 2012-2013 she was a board appointee on the District and Club Service Committee; and 2013-2014 on LCIF Governance Ad Hoc Committee.

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GUDRUN YNGVADOTTIR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT (continued)

In recognition of her service, she has received numerous awards including the Kjarans Medal, the highest award of Icelandic Lions; the Lions Crystal, the highest award of Norwegian Lions; several Membership and Extension Awards; eleven International President's Awards; and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest Lions Clubs International award. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, President Yngvadottir is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Icelandic Association of Biomedical Scientists and has been its representative for cooperation between Scandinavian and European scientists.

President Yngvadottir and her husband, Dr. Jon Bjarni Thorsteinsson, a past international director and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son, one daughter and six grandchildren.

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2018-19 Lions International President Gudrun Yngvadottir Biography;
<https://youtu.be/IdTkIowoOJA>



District 29-I Fall Conference
District Governor Rob Bright

When: October 12-13, 2018

Where: Clarion Hotel, Shepherdstown, WV

Registration: \$70.00

(Includes Friday evening dance, Saturday lunch and Saturday banquet)

Conference Registration Deadline: October 2nd

Rooms: Clarion Hotel – call 304-876-7000
\$99 per 1 King Bed or 2 Queen Beds (plus tax)

Mention: District 29-I Lions
 Conference

Room Deadline: September 19th

- Registration Options -

- Registration Fee for Friday Night only \$15.00
- Registration Fee for Saturday Lunch only \$25.00
- Registration Fee for Saturday Banquet only \$40.00

Conference activities include: Friday evening dance (**Theme – Country & Western**), cabinet meeting, seminars, silent auction, hospitality room, door prizes, parade of checks, keynote address by Past International Director Steve Tremaroli from Huntington, Long Island, New York and more!

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Club _____ District _____

-Please Mark In Box (total number)-

Full Registration \$70.00	Friday Night Only \$15.00	Saturday Lunch Only \$25.00	Saturday Banquet Only \$40.00

SHEPHERDSTOWN CENTENNIAL LIONS CLUB

Friday evening prior to the start of the Conference, starting at 6:00 pm, Shepherdstown Centennial Lions Club will be holding their Charter Night celebration at the Clarion. The cost of the buffet will be \$30.00 per person. If you plan are attending, include the cost in your check.

Make checks payable to: District 29 I Conference

Mail to: 1VDG Ruth Straley, PO Box 604, Jane Lew, WV 26378

