

# DISTRICT 29-C NEWS



## Revitalizing an Established Club

By DG Tom Crouser

There are many answers to the age-old problem of keeping an existing club vital. One of them is to assure that different people take leadership roles each year instead of having one person do the same job for many years. Here are some more.

Have a reason for people to attend. Be more than the “same ole, same ole” reports and fellowship. Sure, we love to meet and greet with our friends but that’s not the purpose of Lions. Fact is, we make friends because we have come together as Lions. Look for interesting programs. Many clubs still do this today. What’s the best source of programs? Read the newspaper and bring people of interest. Then make sure the meeting is publicized and the public welcome. We get many of our new members this way.

Spend some time in a meeting making a list of the things that the club brings to the area. Of course, someone will say, “everyone knows what we do.” Well, they don’t. The purpose of this list is to train Lion members as to what the club does.

In addition to that, spend some time making a list of what Lions Clubs International does. Now, make sure

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Lions members know about that.

With the knowledge of what we do locally and internationally, we are now ready to give others in our community the opportunity to serve.

Now, how do we do that? Short answer is to ask them.

Here’s the method of asking used for forming new clubs which may be used here as well.

Get a club membership team together. Don’t do it alone. Then follow the steps:

- 1) Make sure all participating have basic product knowledge about Lions.
- 2) Work in teams of two.
- 3) Set a specific time – and canvas the community at a certain time – do it next Monday through Wednesday for instance – and perhaps a Saturday. Don’t do it just whenever.
- 4) Meet at somewhere at the start of the day that’s convenient for breakfast and get charged.

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5) Go out in teams of two and call on all business owners in the area and ask them to join – start with highest ranking businesses, organizations, mayors, and work down.

6) Sign members up on the spot (have applications with you) or come back and pick up their check and information.

Rinse, and repeat. Do it in the spring and fall. Just do it for a few days. Don't spend the rest of your life putting it off.

**We serve!**

*DG Tom Crouser*

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## Mark Your Calendars – DG Club Visits & More

April 9 – DG @ Pineville Lions Club

April 10 – DG @ Danville Lions

April 14 – Lions Day at WVU Eye Institute, 1-4 pm

April 14 – Sissonville Lions Car Show, Sissonville Middle School, 8 am – 2:30 pm

April 24 – DG @ Beckley Lions

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

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



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**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: [rdnorrod@gmail.com](mailto:rdnorrod@gmail.com) or call (941)662-6770.

Editor Lion Roger Norrod



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## 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Message

By District 29-C 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Charolette Henson

State Convention will soon be here. Hope to see lots of Lions from District C at Lakeview resort May 4. Lots of interested things planned. To be an officers training seminar on Saturday which will be a big help to all officers. Sunday morning district breakfast will feature the election of your district officers. The cost of breakfast is \$15 and is to be sent to District Secretary Paul Wheeler.

With Spring being here now a good time to plan a membership drive, get your officers elected for next year, plan a community service program or even a fund raiser.

This month we will be working on getting a new club started in Summerville. Ray Harper from New Clubs at LCI will be here to help with this. If you'd like to come out meet Ray and help with the Membership Drive contact 2nd VDG Keyota Jarvis.



We have added a Branch Club in Dunbar with 11 new Lions. It will be known as the Dunbar Centennial Lions.

Lots exciting things going on in the District so be sure and post your activities in MyLCI. Be sure and send all new member application into LCI so they won't miss out on receiving newsletters, My Lions magazine etc.

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Message

By Lion Keyota Jarvis, District 29-C 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG

Greetings to all Lions in 29-C. I want to join 1st VDG Charlotte in encouraging each of you to attend the State Convention coming up May 4th, 5th, and 6th at Lakeview Resort.

Ray Harper from New Club Development will be working with me and other Lions April 9th thru the 12th in Summersville, WV. I would love to see lots of you out to help this area get a Lions club back. Please contact me if you can help any days at Charityinwv@yahoo.com or call my cell at 304-651-4150. April 12th will be the wrap up and community meeting at Memorial United Methodist Church in Summersville located at 1317 Webster Road in downtown area of Summersville (next to Hardees's) from 7-9 p.m. with refreshments.



## LCI Items

### Important Date

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

<http://llicon.lionsclubs.org/EN/attendees/registration-information.php>

### LCI President's Message

Lions are a lifeline to some of the most vulnerable people on earth. And that lifeline only gets stronger through the support of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

Our foundation is celebrating its 50th anniversary. For half a century, LCIF has worked hand in hand with Lions, supporting our service through grant funding. Together, we have achieved some incredible milestones. More than 87 million children have been immunized against measles. Eye clinics have been built, cataract surgeries funded and sight saved through US\$342 million in grants. Nearly 5,000 grants have helped devastated communities rebuild after natural disasters. This is the Power of We.

In all, LCIF has awarded more than \$1 billion dollars in grants—converting generous donations into service—but the real impact of LCIF is measured in the number of lives we change together. That's why we are launching an ambitious capital campaign to raise US\$300 million at our International Convention in Las Vegas. This campaign will allow LCIF to increase support of its expanding focus areas, including our new global causes.

So join me in celebrating LCIF's 50th anniversary. And join me in supporting your foundation.

Wherever we serve, we inspire others to make an impact. And when our clubs grow, our impact grows. That's why I am asking every Lion to invite a friend or family member to serve with us. You can even earn a special prize of US\$750 when you sponsor new members in your club.

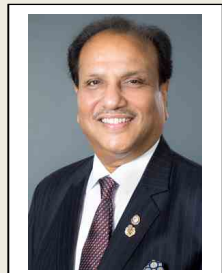
Here's how the new member sweepstakes works:

- Sponsor a new member between April 1 and June 15, 2018 to be eligible to win.
- You will receive one entry for each new member sponsored and be automatically entered into a drawing for your chance to win US\$750.
- Two winners per constitutional area will be selected at random and notified by email.

If we embrace this opportunity, we can make our clubs and communities stronger. Plus, we can make history together. Since 1982, we have been working to reach the ambitious goal of 1.5 million Lions. With your help, we can achieve this incredible milestone by our International Convention in Las Vegas in June.

So invite a new member between April 1 and June 15 for your chance to win US\$750. But more importantly, you'll make an important contribution to your club and the future of the greatest service organization in the world. Let's reach a new membership record so we can serve more people than ever before. Let's put the Power of We into action.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Naresh Aggarwal  
Your International President



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## Lions Day – WVU Eye Institute

By PID Stephen M. Glass

### Lions Day at the WVU Eye Institute

Saturday, April 14, 2018

1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Mark Your Calendars!

All Lions and family are cordially invited to attend our 2018 Lions Day at the WVU Eye Institute. The Eye Institute staff and members of the WVLSFC Eye Institute Liaison Committee have planned several interactive sessions, which are designed to inform you and please you about the many programs and activities that our partnership has produced. Tours of the entire facility are planned. Please plan to attend and discover what our joint efforts have made possible!

Ed's Note: See also the Lions Day flyer appended to this newsletter, p11.

## Centennial Message – Three Challenges, Three Months Left

By Lion Larry Johnson, MD 29 Centennial Coordinator

When our Centennial Celebration began, we were given three challenges. They were: Centennial Service Challenge, Centennial Celebration Membership Awards, and a Legacy Project that celebrates the Centennial of Lions. It seemed pretty simple. Each club was asked to participate in four (now five) service challenges each year. Members and clubs who sponsored new members or clubs would be recognized for helping grow the Association. And, clubs would complete a project in their community that added to the visibility of Lions and would remain as a lasting reminder of our Centennial celebration.

With only three months left in our celebration, each club should be checking to see where they are with the challenges. What project could you perform—and report through MyLCI—that would indicate your support for each service challenge? Can you put up new signs at the entrance to your community advertising the presence of a local Lions club, or make a significant investment in your community that will remind folks you are there?

Most importantly, can you recruit some new Lions? As we review the Centennial challenges, the one that wraps it all up is membership. You can do more service if you have more Lions. You can raise more money for community projects if you have more Lions. You can have more fun and fellowship if you have more Lions. And—your Lions will get more recognition from Lions Clubs International if they sponsor more Lions.

Service, legacy projects, and membership are important to the continuation of your club and our Association, but membership ties it all together. Three months remain. Let's do it.



## Youth Camps & Exchange Program



By Chair Henry Krautwurst

Hello fellow Lions,

As we move into the spring season the Youth Exchange activity is beginning to increase. To date I know we will need to have host families for as many 7 students. While I have arranged for 4-5 host families to date, I will be short if we get the number of students I expect. We need to locate families where one of the adults can be at home with the student. Teachers are a good fit to be a host family. I ask that you consider hosting a student for a period of 4-5 weeks during the upcoming summer. For more information please contact Henry Krautwurst - [HenryK248@gmail.com](mailto:HenryK248@gmail.com)

Below is an essay from Yuko Ishida from Nagoya, Japan. She was here in August 2017.

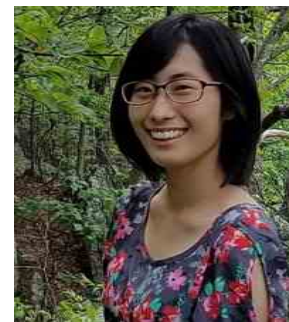
Lion Henry

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## My Trip to America

By Yuko Ishida

I'm Yuko Ishida from Japan. First of all, I'd like to say thank you for all support, especially, my sponsor, Nagoya Honmaru Lions club and my host, West Virginia Lions club. This was a totally amazing experience for me and first time to visit US. I was worried about my English skills and how American people think about Japan.



However, the people who met in America made me think everything will be alright. My host family, Henry and Lorrie made me feel like real family and experience heaps of American things. They treated me as a daughter and ask me what kinds of things I wanted to do in US. We went to hiking several times, museums, and Washington DC. Since they knew I learn about American politics and history, they took me to Washington DC many times. For example, the Capitol, US force air museum and Ford theater. The experience will help my study. I appreciate it very much. In addition, I experienced the American foods and lifestyles. This was totally different from Japanese ones but I love them very much. Actually I brought back corn pancakes to Japan.

Second, regarding of my country Japan, all people who met in America were welcomed me. I was overwhelmed by it because I thought they might not like Japan. I then understood US and Japan build a good relationship each other not only politically but also culturally. I was surprised that there are many cherry blossoms in DC which Japan brought US a long time ago. And, everyone asked me many questions like what kinds of foods I eat in Japan and Japanese culture, which made me think they're interested in Japan. Thanks to it, I love America more.

Finally, I can say that this youth exchange is a wonderful program which we should pass on younger generation. Without Lions club, I couldn't experience the real life in America and meet amazing people. I can't wait to back to WV again!





## Our MD 29 Convention - Information You Should Know

By PID Steve Glass, Convention Chairperson

### Important Information Regarding the 2018 MD 29 Convention

By Steve Glass, General Chairperson

Date: May 4-6, 2018

Location: Lakeview Golf Resort & Conference Center

**Convention Calls, Registration and Delegate Certification:** *The West Virginia Lion*, the official publication of the Convention went out to each West Virginia Lion either through the U.S. Mail or via email on March 4, 2018. It included the official convention call for the multiple district convention and the three district conventions. A copy of the registration form was also included in the *West Virginia Lion*, and is included in another section of this newsletter.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *In order for a Lion to vote at the Sunday morning district convention, the Lion must be registered for all or any part of the MD Convention, have been designated a delegate or alternate delegate from his/her club, and have his/her delegate card certified by the DG or District CST of his/her district before 9:30 A.M. on Saturday morning, May 5th or by 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, May 6th.* This means that I must receive a registration form from that Lion and the registration fee for the entire convention or for the part of the convention that he/she wishes to attend.

**District Conventions (Breakfasts):** Lions wishing to have breakfast on Sunday morning at their district convention will need to make a reservation with their district cabinet secretary-treasurer by Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will be a plated breakfast and the cost is \$15.00 per person.

**Weekend Entertainment:** Friday night: *Matt's Blues* Saturday night: *Trailer Grass Orchestra*

You can find out more about each in the *West Virginia Lion*.

We will have a cash bar during each entertainment session and we will be giving away prizes and cash for those who are on the dance floor when we draw for prizes.

The Saturday Luncheon will feature Morgantown native, Larry Delawder, who is renowned for his Barney Fife impersonations. Larry and his family has traveled thousands of miles across the US to bring laughter and good will to thousands. How ironic that both he and Don Knotts, who starred as the lovable, bumbling deputy in the classic *Andy Griffith Show*, are both Morgantown natives. You will not want to miss this performance!

**West Virginia Past District Governors Luncheon:** Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at noon. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Checks are payable to the 2018 MD 29 Convention. Reservations must be made with CC/PDG Cindy Glass (304-203-2006 or [cinwa130@gmail.com](mailto:cinwa130@gmail.com)) by Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Seminars: We will have one seminar focusing on the implementation of and the roles and responsibilities of the club and district global service coordinator. Another seminar will provide an integrated approach for club officer training, reviewing the roles for each officer and the duties and responsibilities of the club officers and board of directors.

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.

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 handcrafted 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](mailto: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.

Ed. Note: The MD 29 Convention Registration Form is appended to this newsletter, p12. Room reservations due by April 10; convention registration due by April 20.



Larry Delawder – “Barney”





## Robert's Rules of Order, Revisited

By PID Steve Glass, MD 29 Global Leadership Team Chairperson

In my last newsletter article on Protocol, I touched briefly on the importance of having a working knowledge of *Robert's Rules of Order*, especially for those leaders who are presiding over a business meeting. In this article I will revisit the purpose for the rules and their importance to the smooth operation of any organization's deliberations.

In a survey conducted by Lions Clubs International several years ago, one of the top three reasons for members leaving their clubs was "long, boring meetings," "unproductive meetings," people talking too much and too long," "no agenda nor order to the meetings," and "my voice was never heard." Evidently since this survey was done and in spite of the hundreds of exit interviews we have done, the problem persists. Properly observed and applied, Robert's Rules of Order can eliminate all of these club killers and inject enthusiasm and growth into your club, district, and multiple district.

Robert's Rules of Order are well tested meeting procedures that are designed to govern an assembly of persons. Most associations or organizations, globally, have prescribed in their constitutions, that for all procedures, not fully detailed or covered in their respective constitutions/by-laws, Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, will apply. The Rules provide for constructive and democratic meetings, to help, not hinder, the business of the assembly.

There are four basic ground rules for parliamentary procedure:

- Rule by Majority
- Protection of the Minority
- Opportunity for all to be heard
- Orderly Meetings

The key aspects that guide orderly meetings are:

1. That one person cannot talk as long as he/she pleases.
2. That all cannot talk at the same time.
3. That there must be established rules and customs to guide an assembly.
4. There must be a presiding officer to enforce these rules.
5. There must be order in the house.
6. A record of business transacted by the assembly must be maintained. (*Minutes are the record, if you will, of any organization and reflect the actions of the organization; therefore, every effort must be taken to insure their accuracy. A club, district, foundation, or any organization can only act through its approved minutes. My emphasis added.*)

I recommend that every leader make herself/himself familiar with the rules. No matter whether you are presiding at a committee, club, district, multiple district, or convention, knowledge of the rules and when to use them is fundamental to a smooth and efficient business meeting. As a colleague of mine rightly observed, "*The best take home for any member, from meetings, is to experience learning...*" Learning and education make effective leaders. Let's all remember that every time that we preside over an assembly. Make them glad that they had the experience, don't drive them away!



## Club News

Summers County Leos are currently holding a date night fundraiser to help fund the local scholarship fund. Chances are \$2 donation and the winner will get a dinner at The Market, a local restaurant, movie and treats at The Ritz Theater, and flowers from Hinton Floral to be used whenever. The winning ticket for the date night will be drawn at the chili lunch (below).

For more information or to purchase date night tickets, call Lion Ann Lipscomb at 304-575-1755 cell (prefer text as I work in homes) or private message through facebook.

Hinton Lions Club is hosting a chili lunch at 12 noon on April 8th at the educational building of the First United Methodist Church in Hinton. We will be serving chili or Cincinnati chili, with a grilled cheese sandwich, dessert and a drink for \$10. All are welcome. The church is located on Third Ave. and Ballengee Street. Proceeds from the lunch will go toward providing eye exams, glasses, and scholarships for locals.



# **YOU ARE ALL INVITED!**



**Greetings, Lions of West Virginia!**

**Spring is approaching and nice weather will soon be here.**

**It's time for**

**“LIONS DAY AT THE WEST VIRGINIA EYE INSTITUTE”!**

**Many Lions have asked when they can visit or return to the Eye Institute to see the activities taking place as a result of contributions made by clubs and individuals. A special day has been planned! Please mark Saturday, April 14, 2018, from 1-4 p.m. on your calendar for an outstanding day.**

**A tentative schedule of planned activities include:**

- **Tour of the Eye Institute**
- **Diabetic Presentation**
- **Information on Low Vision**
- **Information on Macular Degeneration**
- **Special activities, such as the “Blind Café”**

**This day is being scheduled due to the request of many Lions in MD29. Please share this information with your club members and encourage them to join us.**

**There are great things happening at the West Virginia Eye Institute. Come and be a part of this unique experience.**

**Looking forward to seeing ALL Lions and Leos on April 14th!**

**Lion Paul Amrhein  
WV Lions Liaison Committee**



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: L C I First Timer: Y N

If any meal restrictions, please indicate here \_\_\_\_\_

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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 at  
191 Ridgeway Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330.

If you have any questions, please contact PID Steve Glass at 304-203-2988 or [scjglass@aol.com](mailto:scjglass@aol.com).