



DISTRICT 29-C NEWS

January 2019
Happy New Year!



The early registration deadline for the 2019 Lions Clubs International Convention to be held July 5 – 9 in Milan, Italy is fast approaching. The fee through January 11th is \$150. From January 12th through March 31st the regular registration fee is \$200 and April 1st through onsite registration, the fee is \$225. To get more info and to register on-line, search lionsclubs.org and click on LCICON on the upper right hand of the page. If you have any questions, please contact MD 29 International Convention Chairperson, PCC Al Cox by phone at 304-216-5251 or email at anewtc2@ aol.com.

Lions,

The 2019 WV Lions Leadership Retreat will be held at Days Inn Flatwoods on January 25 & 26. The Retreat Committees have been working to insure we have a great weekend!

Registration will be \$100 for Friday and Saturday, or \$75 for Saturday only. All the seminars will be held on Saturday this year starting at 9:30AM and dinner will conclude the Retreat at 8:30PM. We've arranged the day so you can drive to the Days Inn on Saturday morning and drive back home that night if you desire. Rooms can be reserved for those planning to stay. See the reservation form attached in this newsletter. The Retreat registration and hotel reservations deadline has been extended to January 15.

We're looking forward to seeing you at this fun filled day of learning and fellowship!

Lion Sue Long
LWVLR Chairperson





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District Governor's Update



(DG Charolette Henson)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!

As the new year begins, it is time to start making plans for the next 6 months. I have ordered membership information. If you need applications, or anything to work on membership, let me know. My goal for this year was to have each club add at least one new member. Several clubs have already done so and are continuing to work on membership. I hope to hear from more in January as the new year begins.

I know service projects are hard to do in the winter months, but it is the time to think of the ones who need our help. Each club has something they can do to help with in their communities, such as food pantries, nursing homes, and even animal shelters.

The DG Contest ended on January 1st. I am going thru the service activities on MyLCI. I will announce the winner in the February Newsletter.

The contest for the 3rd quarter is membership and visitation of clubs. So now is the time to get started on it. I will be visiting clubs this month, as much as

weather allows. I have several visits scheduled and will just drop in on others.

I am very happy that the Clay Lions will be chartering a Leo Club on January 11th, at 11 am, at their clubhouse.

There will be a district cabinet meeting on January 19th. It will be held at Ryan's on Corridor G, in Charleston, at 11am. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will be discussing plans for the new year.

Remember the elderly that are ill and that can't get out because of weather.

Thank you all for a good first six months of my term as district governor and may the next six be even better:

DG Charolette Henson
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District Governor's Outstanding Club of the Month

Dunbar Lions Club

- This club was chartered on October 9th, 1928.
- This club, like all clubs, has had its ups and downs.
- This year they have added 3 members, and plan to add several more in the coming months.
- They are starting a membership drive in January and challenge all clubs in the district to do the same.
- They helped with ringing the bell for the Salvation Army on December 8th. Then they decided that they needed to do more, so they rung the bell all day following Saturday as well.
- They have bought eyeglasses and have participated in other community activities.



DG Henson will select a different club, to be featured as “Outstanding Club of the Month” in the newsletter, each month. Be sure to report all activities (services, meetings, donations, visitations, etc.). Let the district governor know what you are doing.



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Vice-District Governor's Note



FVDG Gary

Happy New Year everyone!! I have had a great time meeting with fellow Lions from across the region. The great things that our clubs do to serve their communities is amazing! I had the opportunity to meet with the Crab Orchard club last evening and found that they fund many youth programs in their community including the backpack program that helps feed children in need. Who would feed them if it were not for this fine club? I also enjoyed the annual Critter Dinner and the New Year breakfast held at the Alum Creek Lions club and was amazed at the presentation regarding the work of the Barboursville Leos club to secure a grant, labor, and materials to build a trail for those with poor or no eyesight. The Kanawha city club held their annual craft show with many talented vendors, I was able to pick up a few Christmas gifts at this fine event and see some fine Lions hard at work also having fun. The folks at Sissonville were hard at work on their annual Christmas tree sale. I also know that many of us rang the Salvation Army bells to help raise funds for those in need.

Please keep in mind the Leadership retreat scheduled later this month. I hope to see you there! I would also like to ask all clubs to send pictures of their special events, fund raising efforts, and community service projects to Mike Fleshman, the editor of our newsletter. We are planning something special for next year's conference that we also plan to tie into the DG contest. Have a great 2019 everyone!!

Gary Boyd
FVDG District 29-C





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Leadership Nuggets

by PID Steve Glass
MD 29 GLT Coordinator

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. This is one of our goals for MD 29 this year. As club, district, and multiple district leaders we should all be striving to reach this goal this and every other year to ensure that we have a steady pool of refreshed, prepared, and well-trained leaders for the future.

To help club officers and district leaders to identify those newer Lions that we want to identify, I have included below a tool that you can use.

Leadership Recommendations

1.) Leadership potential for which areas?	Club _____	Zone _____	District _____	MD _____
2.) Submitted by:	Name: _____			
	Phone: _____			
3.) Candidate:	Name: _____			
	Club: _____	Dist: _____		
	Current Office (if any): _____			
	Address: _____			
	Phone: _____			
	Email: _____			
4.) Background and Reason for Recommendation:	(Please list any information that would provide insights as to why the candidate would make an effective leader for our Association)			

Once this recommendation form is completed, return it to your district GLT Coordinator, or any member of the district leadership team.

Please also use this form to identify newer Lions in your club to invite to the Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat, which will be held on January 25-26th at Days Inn Hotel & Conference Center in Flatwoods.



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FEATURED CLUBS

White Sulphur Springs Lions Club



(Pictured, left to right: Rifle Raffle Chairman George Gillespie, Lions Thomas Taylor, Dorothy Harbaugh, Jim Miller, Betty Gillespie, Frank Mosley, Andy Leech, and Mary Ann Hensley behind the camera.)

The White Sulphur Springs Lions Club wrapped up their annual Rifle Raffle in November. Lion George Gillespie would like to thank everyone who participated by purchasing tickets, and those Lions who spent many hours selling tickets, for a very successful fundraiser. WE ARE LIONS!
WE SERVE!

Man Lions Club



The Man Lions Club delivered presents throughout their area on December 22nd, 2018.

The Salvation Army would like to thank the Lions Clubs for their hard work on Saturday, 12/8/18. The Lions Clubs raised over \$8,087 for The Salvation Army! You may have seen the news that we have had a difficult season this year and this is such an amazing help! I am honored to serve with the Kanawha City Lions Club and love the opportunity to serve our community!!!

Major Brooks Gilliam
Area Commander

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Mark Your Calendars!

January 1st... New Year's Breakfast / Alum Creek Community Center (8AM)

January 11th... Leo Charter / Clay Lions Club (11AM)

January 15th... Kanawha City Lions Club DG visit (6PM)

January 19th... District Cabinet Meeting / Ryan's Corridor G, Charleston (11AM)

January 22nd... South Charleston Lions Club DG visit

January 25th – 26th ... West Virginia Lions Leadership Retreat / Flatwoods

January 27th... WV Sight Foundation, MD-29 PDG & Council Meetings

February 4th... Athens Lions Club DG visit (6PM)

February 14th... Ft Gay Lions Club DG visit (6:30PM)

March 12th... Lewisburg Lions Club DG visit

March 15th-16th... District L Conference / Wheeling

May 3rd-5th... State Convention / Flatwoods

July 5th-9th... Lions Clubs International Convention / Milan, Italy

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

South Charleston Lions Club has a new President:

Nadir Mirza
PO Box 189
Pratt, WV 25162
mirza831@gmail.com

Please note the change in your directory.





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Youth Exchange



(Audrey McMillion)

On July 21st, 2018, I embarked on my unforgettable journey. It was my first time flying alone, but I was excited for the freedom that accompanied my journey. After a six-hour flight from Pittsburg to Iceland, and a three-hour flight from Iceland to Germany, I finally arrived at my destination: Berlin.

I met my host father at the airport and knew instantly that my time in Berlin would be enjoyable. My host parents were extremely kind and accommodating, and also allowed me some freedom to explore the city with my host sister, Benedetta, who was from Italy.

During my first week in Berlin, my host sister and I traveled all throughout the city. Together, we saw the Brandenburg Gate, the Holocaust Memorial, the East Side Gallery, the Berliner Dom, multiple museums, as well as many other sites. My first week was all about exploration and becoming acquainted with my temporary home, and it was during this week that I truly grew to love and appreciate Berlin.

The next two weeks of my trip were spent with the Lion's Youth Camp. Twenty young men and women from all over the globe participated in this camp, allowing me to learn about global cultures on a personal level. With this group, I participated in graffiti and art workshops, travelled to the Baltic sea, embarked on multiple boat trips, ate in the old Soviet radio tower, and had many, many traditional German barbeques. Additionally, through my experience exploring Germany and meeting the local Lions at this camp, I was able to learn much about German tradition, including their food, what they like to do for leisure, and many of their unique quirks and habits.

I can say without a doubt that my trip to Berlin made an unmistakable impression on me, and my experience with the Lions of Germany is one that I will never forget. Because of this exchange, I was able to become completely immersed in a culture unlike my own, as well as become acquainted with various world cultures, all at once. My flight back home, on August 13th was a solemn one, because I knew these wonderful experiences would be forever behind me. However, I was also thankful for the opportunity bestowed upon me, because it was absolutely life-altering, and I would not trade it for the world.



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2019 Lions of WV Leadership Retreat

The Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat, to be held January 25-26, 2019, at the Days Inn in Flatwoods, will feature three outstanding and dynamic female speakers.

Beth Slade is the Director of Lions Engagement for Leader Dogs for the Blind, in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Beth has been with Leader Dogs for the Blind for five years, and in her current position focuses on the legacy of Lions involvement with Leader Dog, which was founded by local Michigan Lions in 1939. Beth will also present a seminar entitled "Harness the power of leadership."

BethAnn Telford, a Pennsylvania native and current resident of Virginia, is an endurance athlete and brain cancer survivor and has dedicated herself to raising awareness of brain cancer and to finding a cure. She is an inspirational speaker and has been featured in many articles, books, news stories and a Discovery program documentary. In addition to completing multiple marathons and Ironman competitions, she competed in the World Marathon Challenge in 2017, which consists of running 7 marathons, in 7 days on 7 continents. BethAnn is also an honorary Lion!

Past International Director Joyce Middleton of Bridgewater, Massachusetts completed a two-year term on the international board in 2018. PID Middleton and her husband Lion Martin are Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows and their son and daughter are also Lions. PID Joyce is now serving as Constitutional Area One Chairperson for the New Voices Initiative, a new program created by International President Gudrun Bjort Yngvadottir. The New Voices initiative celebrates the impact women Lions make every day and promotes gender parity by focusing on increasing the number of women in Lions clubs as well as closing the gap between men and women in leadership positions. Both PID Joyce and Lion Martin will present seminars at the Leadership Retreat, and you will not want to miss either one.

PDG Linda Leasure





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WHAT: WEST VIRGINIA LIONS LEADERSHIP RETREAT

WHEN: JANUARY 25 & 26, 2019

WHERE: DAYS INN FLATWOODS

**REGISTRATION: \$100 FOR BOTH DAYS
\$75 FOR SATURDAY**

(\$100 includes dinner Friday evening, Lunch Saturday and Dinner Saturday
\$75 Saturday lunch and dinner Saturday, plus materials for retreat)

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE JANUARY 18, 2019

ROOMS: DAYS INN FLATWOODS –CALL 866-700-7284

\$89.99 PER 1 or 2 PEOPLE PER ROOM

\$99.99 PER 3 OR 4 PER ROOM

**BREAKFAST IS INCLUDED FOR INDIVIDUALS STAYING AT THE
HOTEL**

ROOM DEADLINE JANUARY 4TH

RETREAT ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: Seminars (including topics such as Women in Lions, officer training, computer lab for online training, fun activities for all ages, different personalities make up all clubs, you are a leader but you just don't know it, what does the LCIF really do, Why do we give to the sight foundation, etc.) silent auction, hospitality room, door prizes, keynote speakers and much more.

THERE IS A SPECIAL CONTEST: ONE CLUB FROM EACH DISTRICT THAT SENDS THE MOST FIRST TIMERS WILL WIN \$100 FOR THEIR CLUB!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

NAME: _____ special dietary needs _____ 1st timer _____

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Club _____ District _____ Registration \$100 _____ # \$75 _____ #

Makes checks payable to: Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat or LWVLR
Mail to: Lion Sue Long, P.O. Box 988, Fort Ashby, WV. 26719





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LIONS DISTRICT 29L ANNUAL CONFERENCE

March 15th and 16th 2019

Oglebay Park, Wilson Lodge

Wheeling, WV 26003

Room Rate \$99.00 and up plus tax

Call 800-624-6988 or 304-243-4000

Ask for Lions Club Conference Rate

Cost of conference \$80.00

Includes lunch and banquet on Saturday

Make check payable to: District 29L Conference

Mail check and form to:

PDG John Wensyel

40 Raven Avenue

Wheeling, WV 26003

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Club _____

Special Dietary Needs _____

1st Time Attendee Yes ___ No ___ Number Attending _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Contact PDG John Wensyel at 304-233-1173 or 304-280-8115 with questions.

