

DISTRICT 29-C NEWS



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We Serve So You May Serve

By DG Tom Crouser

It has been a pleasure serving you during this past year, so you may serve.

Huh?

Sometimes I'm asked why I became involved at the district level of Lions International. There were two reasons. First, it happened that there was a need. Perhaps because of the re-districting required as our membership numbers had fallen, we were a new district and we didn't know each other all that well. As a result, we had some vacancies in our district leadership positions. So, there was a real need for people to step forward and accept a leadership position.

I'm pleased to report to you that today, one year later, we have a full slate of energetic and enthusiastic district leaders who have already begun to shape our activities for next year.

My second reason, unlike the first, is not quite as obvious. If I've had the opportunity to visit your club, then you have heard me speak of the third pillar of our organization. Melvin Jones set out the first two. Raising money for community service projects and then

spending the money to better our communities. Today, there is a third pillar and that is we must spend time and effort on obtaining new members to replace ourselves, so someone in our communities will continue our service after we are gone.

My second reason is similar only it relates to our district, multiple district and international leadership. Why would anyone want to get involved in that? It's the same reason. Without leadership at the higher levels, there will be no Lions Clubs International. Sure, our stronger individual clubs would survive for a while without an international organization, but we wouldn't survive forever.

Therefore, it is up to each of us to take on the responsibility of not only serving our club and our community; but we must take on the responsibility of serving our district and beyond in order that others may serve.

So, as I end my year of district service as

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Governor, allow me to beseech you to step forth and serve at a higher level so we will remain strong and continue our good work forever.

Serve, so others may serve.

Thank you for your service, friendship, and assistance this past year.

Happy trails,

DG Tom Crouser



This just in: At the District 29-C Election held at the MD 29 Convention, Lion Charolette Henson (South Charleston) was elected District Governor, Lion Keyota Jarvis (Clay) was elected 1st Vice District Governor, and Lion Gary Boyd (Alum Creek) was elected the 2nd Vice District Governor, all for the 2018-19 Lions Year. Congratulations to these fine Lions!

Mark Your Calendars – DG Club Visits & More

June 2 - District Cabinet Meeting - Mt. Hope Lions Club, Mt. Hope

June 10 - Charleston - location to be announced - 2018-2019 District Cabinet Leadership Team Planning Meeting. Contact DGE Charolette Henson at charlions29o@yahoo.com or call 304-951-9022.

June 12 - South Charleston Lions Club - Little Creek Park, South Charleston - Installation of Dunbar Centennial Lions Club and installation of officers of both clubs.

July 21 - Cabinet Meeting: for full Cabinet and Club Presidents. Location to be announced.

July 28 - Council of Governors' Meeting, Flatwoods, WV

If DG Tom is supposed to be somewhere between now and June 30 and it is not listed, message him at tom@crouser.com. If you'd like for him to attend your meeting before June 30th, message him or call (304) 541-3714.



District Governor Elect Message

By District 29-C DGE Charolette Henson



Year is coming to an end and new one beginning!!! It has been a joy to serve as 1st VDG this past year. Have met so many wonderful people.

The district has had its ups and downs over the past few years But the one thing that I have seen this year is it's finally coming together as one district and the clubs seem to want to learn and to work together. This has been great to see.

As we start a new year July 1 there are going to be lots of new things happening. There will be officers training for all clubs in July and August as am asking each Zone Chairman to have a meeting and to make it officers training so no one other than district cabinet will have to travel a long way.

District Governors Contest will be different and hopefully every club will take part in at least part if not all of it. Will be sending letters to all Presidents in June to let them know what each quarter will be. Yes it's going to be done quarterly.

Membership is to be a main project next year. Will be starting the year off on July 8 with working on organizing a new club in the Summersville area. Want all clubs who interested in learning about recruiting members to try to come out at least one day that week and work with the New Club coordinator from LCI who is coming. Contact 1st VDGE Keyota Jarvis for more information on this. If you have question or problem do not hesitate to call or email. I'm here to help in anyway can.

Looking forward to a wonderful year and meeting all the clubs in district. Let me know dates for when you wish me to visit.

*1VDG Charolette Henson
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Editor's Note:

After four years as District 29-N and then 29-C newsletter editor, this will be my final issue as editor. It has been a pleasure to serve and work with the Lions of West Virginia and I want all those who have contributed to the newsletter over the years to know their work was greatly appreciated. And special thanks to PDG Charles Sheets, PDG Ken Valko, IPDG Charlie Biggs, and DG Tom Crouser for the opportunity to serve.

DGE Charolette just announced that a Lion has volunteered to edit the 29-C newsletter for the coming year: Lion Jaime Pennington of the Loudendale Lions Club. I'm sure you all will assist Lion Jaime as you have me.

Please send contributions for the July newsletter to Lion Jaime by July 1. Her contact information is:

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Regards,
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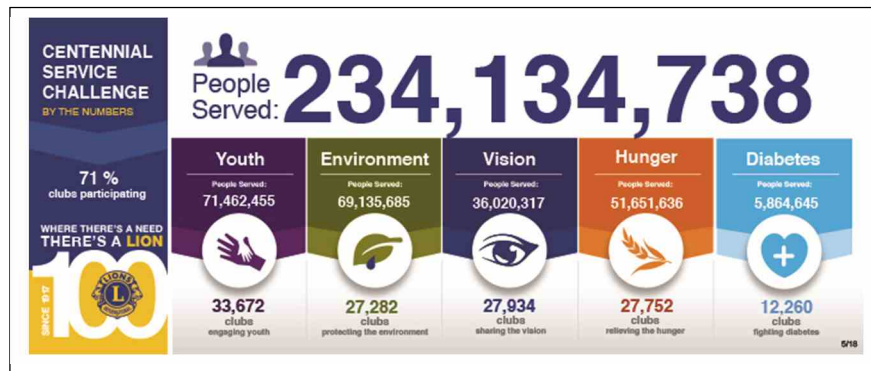


LCI Items

Important Date

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

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



News Bits

From DGE Charolette Henson

The South Charleston Lion is hosting an **installation night for the new Dunbar Centennial Club** on June 12 at 6 pm at Little Creek Country Club. Any club that would like to help the new club in anyway it will be welcome. We would like to present it to them that evening. You can mail donations to DGE Charolette Henson 409 Midland Trail Hurricane WV 25526. If you have questions, please contact either DGE Charolette or Duane White President of the South Charleston club.

Anyone who'd like to attend that evening please let South Charleston know. The cost of dinner is \$10 and they need to know by June 5. Contact phone numbers are DGE Charolette 1-304-951-9022 or Duane at 1-304-768-1177.

There will also be installation of officers for both clubs.

The new **Dunbar Centennial Lions Club** is starting a new service project. They can use the help of everyone. They are going collect pairs of shoes that are in good shape. These will go to a third world country which needs them to help people there. If you can help Dunbar by collecting, we can make arrangements to meet and pick them up. Let's all get behind this new club and help them see how Lions work together. You can contact either their President Kathryn McCormick or DGE Charolette Henson.



Fall conference for the 2018-19 year for District C will be **November 2-4** at the Charleston Marriot across from Town Center Mall. We are working on planning a great weekend with lots of new and exciting things going on. SO, **Mark your calendar and plan to attend.** More information and pricing be announced in July.

Still looking for a few good Lions to step up and become part of the District Cabinet. Officers still needed are GLOBAL LEADERSHIP CHAIRMAN, LEOS CHAIRMAN, ZONE CHAIRS FOR ZONES 4, 6, 9, 10, and 11. If anyone would like to serve, please contact DGE Charolette.

There are **27 clubs to this date that have not got their PU101 into LCI.** Remember if you can't get them in at least send them to DGE Charolette Henson and she will put them in for you.

It is very important that all clubs report their new officers so that they can receive information on new things that are happening. For anyone who may not know what a PU101 is it is the report of the new officers for next year that LCI requires. It was to have been in by May 15. It doesn't look good on district having so many clubs not reporting.



Youth Camps & Exchange Program

By Chair Henry Krautwurst



Hello everyone,

It is important to me that our Lions around the state get the opportunity to hear from both the students we send out and from our guests coming in from other countries. The Youth Exchange program brings people together from around the world and allows them to learn something about another country and their culture. Each student is an ambassador for their country and hopefully this will have some impact as they become our future leaders.

Our last essay is from Rino Utaka from Okayama, Japan. Rino was a very quiet girl as I suspect she had to work hard with her English. Enjoy.

Lion Henry

Rino's Essay

By Rino Utaka



I had an exciting time this summer. I went to the state of West Virginia in the U.S. in order to do a home stay from August 3 to August 28.

I could experience many things I cannot in Japan. There are the best memories of my life. I was very excited when I could go to an amusement park with my host family. And I was very surprised when I saw some "Zero" at the air and space museum. And then, my host family took me various places. So, I could learn about American history. My host family was very kind and cheerful. I really appreciate what they have done for me.

It was the first time for me to do a home stay. I had a lot of things I wanted to tell and talk with my host family but I could not put them in words well. So, this home stay became good stimulation my more study of English.

It was nice meeting them. I will never forget the memories with them. I'm looking forward to meeting them someday. Thank you very much.

Rino



MD 29 Global Leadership Team – Final Report

By Chair PID Steve Glass



As this is the final article for this Lion year, I wanted to review for you where we have been, and where we are headed on this three-year journey. We began this year with four distinct goals:

1. **Increase cooperation and communication between and among MD GLT, GMT, and GST and district GLT, GMT, and GST.**

We have achieved this goal as evidenced by meetings held in August and at every district conference and through the implementation of conference calls using the GoToMeeting app.

2. **Increase the number of newly-identified leaders in every district.**

We have achieved this goal as evidenced by the thirty-four first-time attendees at our Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat and the thirty first-time attendees at our MD 29 Convention.

3. **Increase the number of leadership opportunities and tools available in the multiple district.**

We have provided learning seminars at every district conference through using our International Directors and Third Vice President Haynes Townsend at the MD Convention in addition to the various seminars during the LWVLR. Lion Chris Doty has created a hotlink off of our MD webpage that includes folders on Membership, Leadership, Service, and LCIF. This is a work in progress and is one of our goals going forward into the New Year.

4. **Ensure that each district develops a leadership development plan for 2017-2018 by September 30, 2017.**

This has been achieved through all of the efforts reported for 1-3 above.

Going forward into the New Year, I would encourage every incoming club officer to take advantage of the training opportunities that have already been scheduled in your district. I know that the district GLT coordinators have shared with me the dates and locations for their orientations and leadership meetings. Take advantage of these! Also, every club officer should look at the club officer e-books that are available on the LCI web page. This provides an easy way to learn your role in the comfort of your own home or office at your own pace.

Finally, I want to encourage every Lion to attend this year's USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Columbus, Ohio. I assure you that this is some of the finest leadership development opportunity and orientation that you will ever get! Once you go, you will make this a part of your Lionistic experience. The date is September 20-22, 2018. Check it out at www.lionsforum.org. You'll be glad you did!

Thank you for a great year! Until we meet again, thank you for your service and leadership.

Steve



The 96th MD 29 Convention – Final Thoughts

By PID Steve Glass, Convention Chairperson

Our MD Convention, which was held the weekend of May 4-6, 2018 at Lakeview Golf Resort & Conference Center was by all accounts a very huge success! Our goals were to add some variety in our entertainment, provide good meals, offer some different orientation and learning opportunities, and to provide an environment for fun and fellowship. I believe that we achieved our goals in all four of those areas. There are many Lions to thank for a successful convention so I will attempt to recognize and thank as many as I can remember.

Let me begin by thanking all of you who attended all or any part of the weekend. You made it possible to have a convention! Without you, all of the planning and effort would go for naught. Our entertainers, our vendor, and all of those who provided favors for our hospitality bags, have each received a personal handwritten thank you from yours truly. Kudos and gratitude go to PCCs Kris and Doug for some wonderful and informative club officer training. I can't say enough good things about Megan Reeler and the entire Lakeview staff who met our every need at every moment of the weekend. Thank you to all of our multiple district chairpersons who brought displays! You were awesome!

Last, but certainly not least, to the members of my home club, the Lions Club of Clarksburg -thank you! You made it all come together so seamlessly. To the Council of Governors, my deepest gratitude to you for giving me the latitude to take some risks and do things differently and to all of the candidates for first and second vice district governor, we thank you for providing the hospitality room for the weekend. It was the scene of much fun, laughter, and goodwill!

Finally, a full financial report will be presented to the Council of Governors at its July 28th meeting at Flatwoods. I can tell you now that the convention was profitable, I encourage everyone to mark your calendar now for next year's convention at Flatwoods under the capable leadership of PCC Kris Pinkerman. I would also encourage any club to step up and offer to host a future convention in a site in your district. If you receive the kind of support that I did for this year's convention, it will be a breeze! It was a pleasure serving you!



Scenes from the MD 29 Convention



DGE Charolette Henson with 3rd International Vice President Haynes Townsend and his wife Lion Donna. They present International President Leadership award to DGE Charolette.

