



November 2019

UNLIMITED HORIZONS

District Governor Ruth Straley



This is the month of giving thanks. We honor and give thanks on the 11th of November to all those who served in the military to provide the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. Then on the 26th we give thanks for our family and friends and the bountiful lives we live here in the United States. Thanksgiving is too often overshadowed by Black Friday sales and Christmas preparations. I have always loved Thanksgiving Day. It is a day of no stress from buying Christmas gifts. I think every store should be closed and all of us should find others to share the day, be they family, friends or those who may enjoy sharing the day. A tradition we enjoy at our celebration is for each person to identify something for which he/she gives thanks. Some of the answers are surprising. Sharing the food, the stories and watching some football make a perfect day of thanksgiving.

I have enjoyed my visits throughout the district since July and I have two months of the year 2019 yet to go. I appreciate the Lions Clubs hosting us. We have had delicious meals and even better fellowship. My heart has been warmed by the great stories of service. I am thankful to the clubs that have given us gifts to donate to our charities and make our year easier. Most of all I have been grateful for inducting new members and providing awards the clubs have bestowed upon their members. Sometimes I leave club meetings feeling like my heart is running over with thanks and with joy.

Remember that November 14 is International Diabetes Day. Lions Clubs International has asked that each club plan a program related to diabetes – educating, testing, or recognizing nutritious foods that are good for us all. Sight may be what people think of when they think of Lions but we are asked to think beyond sight to Diabetes – a disease increasing daily throughout the world. Note: Sight is also affected if a person is a diabetic, so it ties into our original mission as Lions.

Many thanks go to FVDG John Mason for the training he has been providing for MyLion. This software has proven to be more difficult than many can learn without help. We as a district have many clubs that still do not have activities identified. If you need help, please let your zone chairperson know. There may be a neighboring club that can assist. Some zones have had training and will know of a resource for you. MyLion input of membership remains the same and many clubs are doing the input.

Donations may be made to the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) and the WV Sight Foundation at any time. Donations are not limited to the Parade of Checks.

Charlie and I salute our veterans. We give thanks for our families, friends, fellow Lions and neighbors.

Happy November

RUTH'S DISTRICT GOVERNOR SCHEDULE

November 2019

1-2	District C Conference	Beckley Country Inn and Suites
3	Council Meeting	Beckley Country Inn and Suites
7	Tygart Valley	6:30 pm – Camp Pioneer, Beverly
11	Elkins/Roaring Creek	6:30 pm – Beverly United Methodist Church
12	Shinnston	6:00 pm – Unconfirmed
14	Harrison County HOPE	Wonder Bar, Bridgeport
18	Stonewood	6:30 pm – CMC Fellowship
19	Philippi	6:00 pm – Medallion Restaurant, Main Street
20	Grafton	6:30 pm – Grafton H.S. Pro Start Room

December 2019

5	Romney	6:30 pm – School for Deaf and Blind
10	Jane Lew	Jane Lew Community Center, Main Street

January 2020

24-25	Leadership Retreat	Flatwoods
26	Council Meeting	Flatwoods

February 2020

March 2020

5	Adamston DG Visit	6:30 pm - Adamston Christ Church United Methodist
13-15	District L Conference	Parkersburg - Blennerhasset

April 2020

14	Wilsonburg	6:00 pm – Parkette Restaurant
20	Moorefield/Petersburg	Location TBD

May 2020

8-9	MD 29 Conference	Charleston Marriott
9	Council Meeting	Charleston Marriott



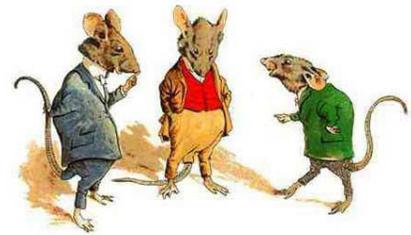
**Lion John Mason
First Vice District Governor**

John and his family are busily working toward the opening of their new restaurant, Charlotte's Café, in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia.



**Susan P. Long
2nd Vice District Governor**

Melvin Switches Gears



Once Melvin realized someone had moved the Cheese, he started to think in a more sophisticated method of finding the Cheese. Do we think about past experiences or build on ideas to make the attempt more successful. "Sometimes his group did well, but at other times

their powerful beliefs and emotions took over and clouded the way they looked at things. It made life in the maze more complicated and challenging."

Our clubs are comprised of many personalities and abstract thinkers. When we observe the functioning of various clubs, our tendency seems to be directed toward a routine (tradition) and change is not an option. Melvin, however, surprised his group and asked if anyone had an idea that would successfully lead us to the station with the big Cheese without changing the tradition of following the corridors in a reasonable fashion of staying together.

Three main questions were asked:

- (1) Should we retreat back to the beginning and allow someone else do the leading?**
- (2) Should we have the same leader and continue on a path that may not prove successful?**
- (3) Should we quit and find a new group that might have better ideas**



MESSAGE FOR CLUB SECRETARIES

As a Club Secretary your duties include distributing club rosters to your club members at least once a year but preferably twice a year to coincide with the dues payment periods (July and January).

The rosters can easily be printed from MyLion. My Lion was not changed and has proven to be easy to navigate. The problem I see is that MANY secretaries are not keeping rosters current. Recently I visited two clubs who had 70 percent of members with no phone numbers and no email. Worse yet the other had had 86% without emails listed. This is a major problem.

An even larger problem exists when club presidents are identified in the PU-101 but no phone numbers or email addresses are input. Lions International, the Multiple District and the District provide information directed to club presidents. Your club is left out if there is no email identified.

If you input the two pieces of information you can easily distribute club reminders, information and keep all members aware of what is happening. It provides a fast and efficient means of communication. In the next two years the Lion magazine will be sent out via email – no printed magazines. The multiple district is working on the process to create emailing the annual Lion booklet. It costs about \$4,500 to copy and mail and based on annual conference attendance it does not appear the cost to do the mailings is worthwhile.

Encourage your members to give you an alternate email address if they do not have one. A great idea used by a couple clubs is to set up a club email address and have the club officers have access to the account. Be creative and encourage your fellow Lions to do the same. If someone doesn't have email, then ask him/her to give you an email for a child or a grandchild who will receive the email. It is essential that we have a way to communicate in today's world of technology.

We must have correct addresses, telephone numbers and most importantly email addresses. You cannot be an effective club secretary if you do not keep your MyLCI membership up to date.

Note: The Club President must insure all secretaries are doing the input into MyLCI and MyLion. If the secretary cannot perform this function then another club member may be identified as the club service coordinator and given access to club records.

Just a reminder about the importance of input to MyLion. If your club secretary does not drop members who are no longer paying dues by December 31 or June 30 then your club owes the dues for those members for the next six months. You do not want to be put in a situation where your club owes both international and state dues from members who dropped. This money will have to be paid from your club's administrative fund. I cannot stress enough about the importance of keeping your club's records up to date.

CHANGES TO DISTRICT 29I DIRECTORY

Page 66: Treasurer Susan Long email: susanplong@gmail.com

Page 67: Zone 3 Chairperson Email: cbowcats@frontiernet.net

Zone 7 Chairperson: delete info for Mickey Knight

Replace with: Donna Thomas; 35 Nolans Run Road; Lumberport, WV 26386; (H):
304-584-4674; donnadave@frontier.com

Page 69: Reading Action Coordinator Add email: kathybrockett@gmail.com

Page 72: Adamston delete Tim Criss; replace with Wayne Worth; 611 Hart Street; Clarksburg, WV
26301; (304)476-1710; wayneoworth@hotmail.com

Page 72: Bruceton Mills Gregory Moran email correction: moranfarm1@frontiernet.net

Carol Spear email correction: carolspear@frontiernet.net

Page 73: Central Upshur (spelling correction)

Page 73: Charles Town email correction: snowdens@frontiernet.net

Page 73: Clarksburg Main Street: delete Josef Ricketts; no other name provided

Page 74: Elkins: email for Vernon Carr is rkarr@cebridge.net

Page 74: Franklin: email for Charles Wimer is wimer.wimer7@gmail.com

Page 75: Hedgesville: email for Arthur Sewell is not valid

Page 75: Hodgesville: Mark Newbrough_- add phone number 304-613-6213

Page 76: Ireland: add Denton King email: denton.king@gmail.com

Page 76: Junior: add Dana Booth email: Trackerdana@gmail.com

Page 78: Mount Storm: add Joyce Turner email: joyce.turner.1960@gmail.com

Page 79: PawPaw: add email for Emily Carrasquillo: emilyeaton1194@gmail.com

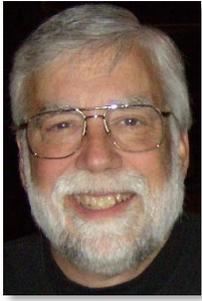
Page 80: Rowlesburg: phone number 502-221-1719; correct email: prwotring@aol.com

Page 81: Short Gap: correct email for Joel Miltenberger: miltj24@gmail.com

Page 83: Weston Centennial: delete names for President and Secretary

Page 83: Wilsonburg: Gary Baker; PO Box 47 not route, email: nanafaye46@hotmail.com

Wilsonburg: Stanley Watson correct email: stanleywatson1@hotmail.com



WV Lions Youth Camps and Exchange program is up and running for the 2019-20 Lion year. Scholarship Contest Rules and Scholarship applications have been sent to high schools throughout the state. News releases about the program have been sent to newspaper all across the state. The rules and application are on the WV Multiple District website: wvlions.org/youth.html

Henry Krautwurst

Our scholarship contest started in September and will end on November 15, 2019. I am now reaching out to EVERY Lion to help me get the word out to students, family, friends, co-workers and church families about the wonderful opportunity that is being offered. This year we hope to be able to send out six students each with a \$1,400 travel scholarship.

Last summer we sent two students abroad and received two students from Japan, two from Germany and one from Italy. Four students from WV applied to travel and two dropped out of the program. I was disappointed that we had so few students applying for a scholarship when you consider how big our state is.

I am also asking each of you to consider being a host family or recommending a family that you think might be interested in hosting a youth for a 4-6-week period during the summer. I am seeking families where one of the parents is home with the student. It is not necessary to have children at home. We have had very successful hosting with families with no children as well as those with children.

In order for the Youth Camps & Exchange program to be successful there must be host families around the world that are willing to host a foreign student. You say you don't speak a foreign language. My experience has been that most of the students in the program speak English at varying levels. This is an opportunity for them to improve their English speaking and reading skills as well as culture sharing between you and the student.

Don't be afraid to encounter an experience that will forever enrich your life and enable you to make a new life-long friend. My wife and I have hosted six students over the last several years and we want you to be able to know the joy that we have known by hosting.

Please contact me at HenryK248@gmail.com if you or someone you know would like to either be a host family and or recommend a WV student to apply for a scholarship.



Paw Paw Lions Club Spaghetti Dinner



Friday November 8, 2019
From 5 - 8pm at
Paw Paw Christian Center
Menu: Spaghetti, Salad,
Garlic Bread
Desserts for Separate Purchase
Meals are \$6. Eat-in and
take out available.

*The dinner is to raise money for
Christmas food baskets and other
contributions.*

WELCOME
new members
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Bianca Leonglave	Kesling Mill
Leah Michael	Clarksburg Main Street
Lisa Thompson	Clarksburg Main Street
Jeffrey Thompson	Clarksburg Main Street
Jennifer Junkins	Fort Ashby
Ashley Mills	Fort Ashby
Erica Perry	Harrison County Hope
Kevin Renzelli	Harrison County Hope
Renae Wiandt	Jane Lew
Wilma Wiandt	Jane Lew
Adam Link	Shepherdstown Centennial

Around the District



Bruceton Community Lions Club

Co-Presidents Greg and Susan Moran of the Bruceton Community Lions Club welcome a visit and presentation by District 29-I Governor Ruth Straley on October 10, 2019.



Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat

January 24-25, 2020 * Flatwoods Days Inn & Suites and Conference Center

Registration Fee:

\$100.00 Friday & Saturday – Three banquet meals, seminars and materials.

\$75.00 Saturday only – Two banquet meals, seminars and materials

Registration Deadline is January 17, 2020.

Rooms: Contact Days Inn at 866-700-7284 (tell them Lions Club)

Rate: \$91.00 (1 or 2 in room) \$95.39 (3 or 4 in room)

Breakfast is included for individuals staying at the hotel.

Retreat Activities include: Seminars to improve your Lions experience; motivational speakers; informational displays; Lions merchandise; Silent Auction; hospitality room; door prizes; great meals; and plenty of fun and fellowship. Information on specific seminars will be available in the coming months in district newsletters and in a brochure.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Club Name: _____ District: _____

First Time Attendee: _____ (Y/N) Special Dietary Requirements: _____

Amount enclosed (mark): Full \$100 _____ Saturday only \$75 _____

Make checks payable to Lions of West Virginia Leadership Retreat or LWVLR

and send the registration information above and your payment to:

PCC Cindy Glass, 191 Ridgeway Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330

Contact PCC Cindy for more information at cinwa130@gmail.com or 304-203-2006.

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