



**October 2019**

***UNLIMITED HORIZONS***

***District Governor Ruth Straley***



The District 29-I conference held this past weekend was filled with lots of good information, networking and having fun. International Director Larry Edwards and his wife Lion Susan Edwards were great guests and speakers from Altoona, Pennsylvania. The training sessions by PCC Cindy Glass and FVDG John Mason were informative. PCC Al Cox brought us LCIF updated information from his recent training. The Parade of Checks was a great event with each club recognized for its donations to date. In the late afternoon the Lions who were interested rode the ski lift to the “top of the mountain” and enjoyed the perfect weather and beautiful West Virginia scenic views. After a casual dinner the group moved to an outdoor fire pit area and made s’mores while enjoying the fire. On Friday night there was great music and lots of dancing. It was a wonderful time spent together in the West Virginia mountains.

On Wednesday night prior to the conference CC Rob Bright, PCC Doug Long, FVDG John Mason, SVDG Sue Long traveled with me and my husband to the Zone 1 District Governor’s night in Charles Town. Our host was the Charles Town Lions Club. There were 51 in attendance. It was a warm and friendly event. All the clubs in the Zone were present and Zone 1 Chairperson Michael Sholl did a great job making this happen. I was so pleased to meet so many Lions. During the month of September I visited the Bridgeport, Wardensville, Salem, Clarksburg, Paw Paw, and Zone 1 Clubs. My schedule for visits during the remainder of the year is included in the newsletter.

Our District Service Coordinator Glenn Ryburn has had knee surgery and has some complications. Please send him positive thoughts. He did, however, make a disturbing report for the first quarter. There were only 14 of 57 clubs that reported service activities. The activities were: Environmental – 6; Diabetes – 2; Childhood Cancer – 1; Hunger – 8; and Vision – 15. We all know this is because of the steep learning curve of using “My Lion.” FVDG John Mason has provided excellent training to several clubs. He will be training again on October 23 at 6:00 pm at the Tennerton United Methodist Church. Please call Zone 5 Chairperson Johnnaston Kimble at (304)613-1778 if you would like to attend.

**World DIABETES Day is on November 14.** Lions Clubs International is asking each club to organize a club screening event. Then take a picture giving a blue thumbs up, and share it on social media for a chance to be featured on the LCI website with other clubs. Note: this could mean screening club members at a meeting. Be creative in how to achieve this.

In the next few months you will hear more about the Global Action Team (GAT) and how it affects your club. Do you have a leadership plan? Membership chairperson? Service activities coordinator? These are three major positions each club should have identified in LCI. More to follow.

Let’s hope Fall and some rain are on our horizon. Enjoy the month before holiday stress arrives.

## RUTH'S DISTRICT GOVERNOR SCHEDULE

### October 2019

1	Nutter Fort	5:45 pm - FOP Restaurant
2	Clarksburg Main Street	6:30 pm – Friedlander Building
3	Mountain	6:30 pm – Amboy Church, Aurora
8	Junior	6:30 pm - Junior Church
10	Bruceeton Mills	6:30 pm – Location TBD
12	Lumberport	10:30 am – IHOP White Oaks
14	West Milford DG Meeting	6:00 pm - West Milford Community Center
15	Rowlesburg, Kingwood, Tunnelton and Valley District	6:30 pm - Rowlesburg VFW
16	Fort Ashby/Keyser	6:30 pm – Fort Ashby Fire Department
21	Buckhannon/Kesling Mill/Hodgesville	6:30 pm - Kesling Mill Lions Building
22	Berkeley Springs	6:00 pm – Charlotte’s Café, 495 S. Washington St.
23	Lost Creek/Johnstown DG Meeting	6:30 pm - Lost Creek United Methodist Church
28	Franklin/Sugar Grove	6:00 pm – Star Hotel, Main Street, Franklin

### 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 – Location TBD
11	Elkins/Roaring Creek	6:00 pm - Western Steer Steak House
12	Shinnston	6:00 pm – Location TBD
14	Harrison County HOPE	Location TBD
18	Stonewood	6:30 pm – CMC Fellowship
19	Philippi	6:00 pm – Location TBD
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	Location TBD

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 Location TBD

May 2020

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



**Lion John Mason  
First Vice District Governor**

Lion Kim and I just returned home from our District 29 I Conference at Canaan Valley Resort. We had a great time, met some new friends, all the way from Australia, and got reacquainted with some old friends. The parade of checks raised a lot of money, thanks for your clubs' generous donations. We rode to the Top of the Mountain. We enjoyed the Leaf Peepers Festival in Davis before heading home.

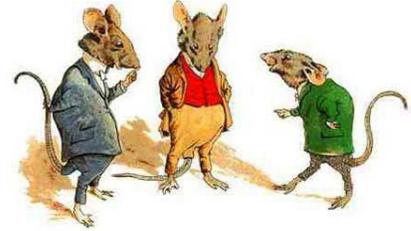
If I can provide any assistance to your club, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at 304-820-7742 or email me at [jlmason0531@gmail.com](mailto:jlmason0531@gmail.com).

Let's have fun being a Lion serving our communities. FVDG John Mason

**Susan P. Long**  
**Second Vice District Governor**



### **Melvin the Visionary.**



As different as the five mice are in this story, they have something in common: every morning they put on their jogging suits and running shoes, leave their homes and race out into the maze looking for their favorite cheese. Now the maze is a labyrinth of halls and rooms with delicious cheese. But there are some dark corners and hidden alleys leading nowhere. It is easy to get lost. Let us start with Melvin's story.

Melvin put on his jogging suit and decided he needed to proceed into the maze to look for the situation that would fulfill his dream of serving the people. His strong and dynamic personality permitted him to guide his followers through the maze. Melvin used his motivational and complex brain to search for a very different kind of Cheese—with a Capital "C"—which he believed would make him and his followers happy and successful.

Melvin started out with his followers smelling the sweet aroma of a cheese that would satisfy the hunger of the morning. As he led his group forward, they came to a room that looked inviting and smelled of the cheese, but it was not there. Instead they found a note: **when things seem easy in the beginning, stop look around and ask yourself these three questions:**

1. Are you settling for any type of cheese?
2. Is it important to keep looking for the "Cheese"?
3. Is Melvin leading us to a place where we can be happy and successful?



No, it is not a bridal shower, or a baby shower or an appointment with the IRS. It is a meeting with fellow Lions from throughout the state of West Virginia. The WV Lions Leadership Retreat will be held on January 24-25, 2020 at Flatwoods Days Inn and Suites and Conference Center. More details to follow, but for now please save the date.

Thank You PDG John Wensyel

## MD 29 RAP Chairperson~Deborah Delaney

“The more you read, the more things you’ll know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” Dr. Seuss, author of children’s books

The Reading Action Program is an important opportunity for you to help bridge the gaps in literacy and education in your community. Your club can help others to work toward their full potential and equip themselves with the skills needed to enjoy a lifelong journey of learning.

The Reading Action Program (RAP) provides your club with the tools and resources needed to carry out a literacy project in your community. Browse through the many project ideas and get started today. **Every club can participate!** Help show the world the strength of our global network.

For more information or resources go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and keyword search “Reading Action Program” or contact the Service Activities Division at [programs@lionsclubs.org](mailto:programs@lionsclubs.org). If you have any questions, you can also contact me at [dadelaney1950@gmail.com](mailto:dadelaney1950@gmail.com).

## Around the District



### ***Rowlesburg Lions Club***

The Rowlesburg Lion's Club is shown with the results of their fall Adopt-A-Highway litter pickup. Members shown are (left to right): Victoria Leigh, P.L. Grimm, Daphne Wotring, Delores Riggs, Bonnie Hemerick and Bob Hemerick. Not pictured, Phil Wotring (Taking photo)".

At its regular monthly meeting held on September 12<sup>th</sup> at Twin Oaks Restaurant, members of the Harrison County HOPE Lions Club brought a generous amount of school supplies to donate to the students of Northview Elementary School. The HOPE club has adopted Northview Elementary as a main focus of its mission. The club members also support many other local charities and programs that support children with various needs. The club recently conducted a

### ***Harrison County Hope Lions***



successful eye screening activity during the Friday Night Youth festivities at Jackson Square as part of the Black Heritage Festival, this being the third consecutive year that the club has conducted sight screenings. Shown in this photo from left to right are club members Alan Moran, Veronica Tonkin, Brenda Malfregeot, Rob Garcia, Tara Perri, Marla Ferree, and Allen Ferree.

### ***Bridgeport Lions Club***

The Bridgeport Lions gave free Eye Screening during the Diabetes walk sponsored by the Webster Insurance Agency with the following Lions: Diane Bedell, Jim Mattinly, Ben Sandy and Marsha Jones.





# Lions District 29-C Fall Conference



*“Get Hooked on Lionism”*

**November 1 – 3, 2019**

Country Inn & Suites  
Beckley, WV

Room Rates: \$79.00 (Plus 12% tax)  
Standard – 2 Queen Beds

Room Reservations: Country Inn & Suites – (304) 252-5100  
Room block held until October 15, 2019

## REGISTRATION

Full Registration Cost is \$60.00 per person  
*(Includes luncheon & banquet)*

Banquet - \$40.00  
*(Attendance of banquet only)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

**Return registration no later than October 15, 2019 to:**

**PCC Paul Wheeler  
46 Ranger Lane  
Charleston, WV 25309**

**Make checks payable to: District 29C Fall Conference**



## 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](mailto:cinwa130@gmail.com) or 304-203-2006.

***“Leadership is not about being the best. Leadership is about making everyone else better.”***

## WELCOME new members

Samuel Summers III  
Benjamin E. Bunner  
James C. Yao  
Madison Ty Chandler

Grafton  
Moorefield  
Moorefield  
Petersburg



Linda S. Murphy

West Milford

### It's Tax Time Again

All Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts that have annual gross receipts of less than \$50,000 and do not have to file Form 990 or 990EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N).

All filers must register at [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) prior to filing their next Form 990-N. This is a one-time registration if the designated Lion files annually. If the Designee changes from a prior year, the new designee must register with the IRS.

The e-Postcard is due by **November 15**. Please note there is no extension for filing the 990-N.

If you do not file, you risk losing your tax exempt status. Any Lions club not filing for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax exempt status.

All clubs must have an employer identification number (EIN) even if it will not have employees.

Submit pictures and articles by the 3rd of each month in order to get in the next month's newsletter.

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