



# DISTRICT 29-L NEWSLETTER

Linda Leasure  
District Governor

*Insuring Our Future*

June 2017



2016 - 2017  
CABINET MEMBERS

## A Message from our District Governor

Fellow Lions,

It's hard for me to believe this time last year I was preparing for my trip to Japan to become your District Governor. I want to thank all of my cabinet members for their help this year. As the 2016-2017 year comes to a close, please know I appreciated your time and service. To all who have helped mentor me during the past three years, a profound thank you. I'll always treasure your friendship.

I thoroughly enjoyed the club visits this year. It's been a pleasure meeting new Lions and learning about their club's history and service to their communities. There's so much great work being done in 29L and I've been humbled to serve with all of you this year!

While the district has increased club reporting and contributions to LCIF, there is still much work to be done with membership and the addition of clubs in our district. Nearly two thirds of our district's clubs added new members but we will still end the year with a loss in membership. Remember, the next 100 years is in each and everyone of our hands!

Please join me in supporting DGE LeeAnn Welch, FVDGE Gary Pitcock and SVDGE Jordan Glass as we continue "Insuring Our Future."

A heart felt thank you everyone!

*DG Linda Leasure*

Linda Leasure, DG  
Lee Ann Welch, 1st VDG  
PDG Gary Pitcock, 2nd VDG  
PDG Eva Dague, Sec/Treas  
John Wensyel, IPDG

### Zone Chairpersons:

Zone 1 Bernice Pitcock  
Zone 2 Chris Doty  
Zone 3 Mike Blackwell  
Zone 4 Arlene Amos  
Zone 5 Jordan Glass  
Zone 6 Jordan Glass  
Zone 7 Kevin Clem  
Zone 8 Patricia McMillan  
Zone 9 Neil Reed  
Zone 10 Judy Deer

Global Membership Team  
PDG Richard McMillan  
Global Leadership Team  
PDG Eva Dague  
Conference  
PDG Harry Schramm  
Contest  
Ramona Sago  
Deaf & Blind Recreation  
PDG Karen Hall-Dundas  
Diabetes Awareness  
Mary Jo Graebe  
Environmental  
Linda Baker  
Guide Dogs  
Dave Atkinson  
Information Technology  
Brandon Chadock  
LCIF  
IPDG John Wensyel  
LEO Co-Chrs.  
Stacy Meadows  
Doug Pettit  
Mobile Sight Equipment  
PDG Eugene Saunders  
Newsletter Editor  
PDG Bob Moffett  
Peace Poster Contest  
Ellen Saunders  
Quest/RAP  
Barbara Blackwell  
Sight & Hearing/  
WVU Liaison  
PDG Paul Amrhein  
Special Projects Co-Chrs.  
PDG Eva Dague  
Scott Dague  
Tail Twister  
Dave Atkinson  
Youth Exchange (Appt.)  
Dave Elder  
Youth Exchange (Elect.)  
Michelle Harshbarger

1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT PDG GARY PITCOCK

It's June — already!! Wow!! The year has gone by so very fast! We still have time to help Governor Linda reach some of her goals. If you have been working on getting new members, please continue. Remember that we are still working on our centennial program and you still have time for your club's special projects to obtain centennial patches in vision, feeding the hungry, engaging our youth and the environment.



I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to Governor Linda for her hard work and dedication this year. Having never met her, or her husband, Lion Steve, before, we have become friends very quickly. They are both truly special people. I will never forget their kindness and their fortitude in helping others. This is a prime example of why we became Lions — to help those in need and to show kindness to everyone locally and globally. It has been an honor to be a part of your cabinet this year. PDG Bernice and I have enjoyed your company as we traveled around the district for your DG Nights.

God bless and please keep on serving!!

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Gary Pitcock, 1st VDGE

Lions 100th Anniversary Ice Cream Social

Lions Clubs from neighboring communities in Washington County, Ohio and Wood County, WV are hosting an Ice Cream Social to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs. Participating clubs are Belpre, Marietta, and Reno in Ohio; and Boaz and Williamstown in West Virginia.



The event will be on Sunday, June 4th at 6:00 pm at Tomlinson Park, Williamstown, WV. Ice cream, cake, hot dogs, and french fries will be served by the clubs free of charge.

Please join us as we celebrate 100 years of service to our communities and the world.

Moundsville Middle School Leos Service Project

The Moundsville Middle School Leo Club recently traveled to Morgantown to do a service project for the Ronald McDonald House. After cleaning rooms and stocking the pantry a check for \$400 was presented to be used by families to stay at the house while their children are in the hospital. As part of the experience, the Leo club members were treated to a tour of the basketball facilities at WVU.

Rivesville Lions Easter Egg Hunt



The Rivesville Lions Club had an Easter Egg Hunt for the Head Start in Rivesville and the 1st and 2nd grades at Rivesville Elementary/Middle School.



Leadership – June 2017

- June 1 Helen Keller Day
  - June 5 World Environment Day
  - June 15 Deadline for submission of pre-certified delegate forms for voting at LCI Convention
  - June 30–July 1 100<sup>th</sup> Lions International Convention, Chicago, Illinois
  - Sept. 21-23 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Portland, Oregon
- “Leadership with Imagination & Service with Creativity” Early Registration thru June 9 – \$285.  
 If you’d like a brochure mailed, please e-mail me, [egdague@comcast.net](mailto:egdague@comcast.net), and I’ll mail one to you.  
 Log onto [www.lionsforum.org](http://www.lionsforum.org) for additional information.

*Success is not just what you accomplish in your life, it is about what you inspire others to do.  
 Inspire Your Mind*

Although you’ve seen the above quotation before, I think this is a fitting way to describe two outstanding Leo Advisors as they are retiring. Both of these Lions have had many successes in working with our Leos. Saying “thank you” to them seems inadequate. They’ve both inspired so many of our Leos and, hopefully, they will have received many “warm fuzzies” as they have helped those less fortunate.

Lion Brenda Cox has served as the Leo Club Advisor of the Ritchie County Middle School Trailblazers Helping Hands since the club was chartered in 2005. They have been an invaluable asset to their community. Some of their projects include: helping Lions with pancake dinners, collecting used eyeglasses, valentines for soldiers, food drives, collecting hats and gloves, cleaning cemeteries, parades, Community Halloween Party, Pennies for Patients-Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, collecting pop can tabs for Ronald McDonald House, assisting families and students and many more. This club is sponsored by the Harrisville Lions Club.

Lion Mike Eskridge has served as the Leo Club Advisor of the Moundsville Middle School Leo Club since it was chartered in 2003. This club has also been an invaluable asset to its community. They have accomplished some amazing projects.

Some of their projects include: assisting Lions with spaghetti dinners; donations to families with medical expenses and funeral expenses, etc; helping the House of Carpenter setting up and distribution of Christmas items; Appalachian Outreach Shoeboxes for Santa; LCIF Measles Initiative; collected \$8,000+ for Katrina; donated to a well in Africa; Ronald McDonald House and many others. This year they collected \$12,000 for the Elkview Middle School after severe flooding. They made the trip and presented their donation at the school. This club is sponsored by the Moundsville Lions Club.

Many of you probably remember Jack Gower as a great Lion. Jack had resided at the Golden Towers for several years and he had most recently been a resident of Moundview Health Care. The loss of his hearing ended his many years serving Lionism both on the club and district level. He was most famous for his spiral Tail Twister manual. Additionally, he had been a member of both the Glen Dale and Washington Lands Lions Clubs and would guarantee a laugh or two at the meetings, especially after his hearing loss. He was 88 years old [when he passed away April 30<sup>th</sup>].

I look forward to seeing new leadership starting at the club level for 2017–2018. I also want to extend my best wishes to all clubs for a very successful upcoming year. The service projects our clubs do are amazing.

*PDG Eva Dague  
 GLT Coordinator*



Welcome New Lions Club Members

We welcome these new Lions to our clubs and thank the sponsors who invited them to join!

**New Member**

- Jerelyn Sue Jones
- Jennifer Negie
- Stephanie Hartshorn
- Rick Poling
- Oran Scot Goff
- Richard D. Border
- Chol Lee
- Kelsey J. Hayward
- Robert O. O’Quinn

**Club**

- Brookhaven
- Friendly
- Grantsville
- Grantsville
- Harrisville
- Moundsville
- Moundsville
- New Cumberland
- Scott Teays

**Sponsor**

- Daniel Heintzman
- Robert Beall
- Robert Bonar
- Rodney Windom
- Eugene Lough
- Eugene Lough
- John Edwards
- Stephen Biron

**On The Web**

Lions Clubs Int’l  
[www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

MD29  
[www.wvlions.org](http://www.wvlions.org)

29-L  
[www.lions29l.org](http://www.lions29l.org)

WV Lions Sight Foundation  
[www.wvsight.org](http://www.wvsight.org)

LCIF  
[www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org)

Lions of WV Leadership Retreat  
[www.wvlions.org/LeadershipSchool/home.html](http://www.wvlions.org/LeadershipSchool/home.html)



### REMINDER

**District 29 L District Governor and Cabinet Appreciation Dinner**

**Saturday, June 10, 2017**

**Time: 6:00 pm**

**Location: Doddridge County Lions Club, West Union**

Cabinet members are cordially invited to attend the Appreciation Dinner scheduled to honor DG Linda Leasure and her 2016-2017 District Cabinet.

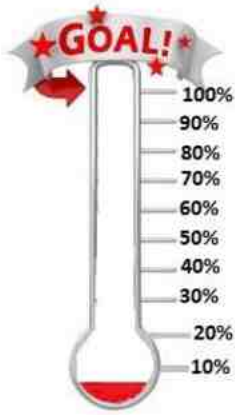
All cabinet members are guests of the District 29L PDG Association. Anyone else who wishes to attend, the cost is \$10.00 per person.

Guest speaker for the evening is current MD Council Chair Lion Al Cox.

The District Governor and her cabinet will be recognized for all their hard work this year.

If you have not yet RSVP'd please call/email Lion Pat McMillan 304-873-1353 or [dclionrcm@yahoo.com](mailto:dclionrcm@yahoo.com) or PDG Bernice Pitcock at 304-797-8374 or [bpit@comcast.net](mailto:bpit@comcast.net).

Deadline for reservations is Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.



**WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation**

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A special **THANK YOU** to Lions Paul and PCC Patty Nutter for graciously donating a beef cow for raffle by the West Virginia Lions Sight and Conservation Foundation.

Dear West Virginia Lion:

By now, every club in the State of West Virginia should have received a packet of 20 books of Beef Raffle tickets. It is hoped that every effort will be made to sell/buy **ALL** the tickets before the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Four (4) happy recipients will each receive a quarter of a beef through this raffle, while helping fellow West Virginians with their sight and hearing needs. If you have not received your tickets, or if you wish additional books of tickets, contact me at the e-mail or phone number above.

Please return the stubs with a check in the amount of sales to me at the above address **before November 1, 2017**. The drawing will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup> at the Sight Foundation Meeting held during District C's Conference. **Keep in mind that every ticket sold has four (4) chances to win!** Additionally, if your club sells \$200 or more in tickets, your club will receive credit toward a Leonard Jarrett Award according to the amount of sales that are made. (This amount will be credited to the club account after the completion of this project.)

**PLEASE SEND CHECKS – WRITTEN TO THE “WV LIONS BEEF RAFFLE” – PRIOR TO NOVEMBER 1, 2017**

Since the Sight Foundation is **YOUR** Foundation, it is my hope that every club in our state will participate in this project. **THANK YOU** in advance for your participation in making this raffle a success and helping our fellow West Virginians with their sight and hearing needs.

Thanks for all you do!

Lion Paul Amrhein, Beef Raffle Chair

**Newsletter Editor for 2017-2018 Announced**

Lion Heather Sammons, currently the secretary of the Cheat Lake Lions Club, will assume the duties as District 29L Newsletter Editor beginning with the July 2017 issue. She plans to continue using a submissions deadline of the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for articles, announcements, photos, etc. Items for the newsletter may be emailed to her at [heatheresammons@gmail.com](mailto:heatheresammons@gmail.com).

## Scott Teays Lions Are Protecting the Environment



On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, eight Scott Teays Lions Club members and 16 other volunteers picked up 27 bags of trash along the first two-mile section of North Poplar Fork Road beginning at Route 34. The Lions club schedules this event twice each year. There was less trash than is normally found but a

pipeline is being installed along the road and much of the litter was probably buried.

The clean-up is done as a part of the WV Adopt-a-Highway program. The state furnishes all of the supplies (gloves, vests, bags and picker-uppers). The only unusual items found this time were two one dollar bills found in two separate locations and a costume jewelry ring. Lion Justin Kay coordinated the event. The next clean up will be scheduled in October.

## Strides Walk

Approximately 25 Lions took part in the Annual Theresa Johnson Memorial Strides Walk on Saturday afternoon at the State Convention. Funds raised will support Camp Kno Koma (for children with diabetes) and the Children's Vision Rehabilitation Program (CVRP) at the WVU Eye Institute.



## Scott Teays Lions Club Honors Essay Winners

On Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, the Scott Teays Lions Club honored the winners, from each of five schools, of its essay contest, "What the American Flag Means to Me." The winners read their essays before the group of parents, teachers, grandparents and Lions. All were guests of the Lions Club. Lions president Bill Hensley stated, "This is one of our most enjoyable meetings of the year. We have been doing this for more than 30 years. The program requires the support of the principals and teachers to be successful." The essay participants are all in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The dinner was held at First State Bank Community Room.

## We Pause to Remember

### Deceased

David Grubb  
John Roger Yoders  
Poe J. Bailey

### Club

Brookhaven  
Moundsville  
South Parkersburg



## Fairmont Lions Active During Family Literacy Fair



Read Aloud WV provided materials promoting reading for parents and magazines for children.

The Fairmont Lions Club was involved in several ways at the Family Literacy Fair, sponsored by the Marion County Board of Education,

on Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. The Read Aloud WV Marion Co. Chapter, which is a Reading Action Program (RAP) project of the Fairmont Lions Club, had a display and gave magazines to children. Club member Guy Ward, who is Mayor of White Hall and a member of the WV House of Delegates,

served as a "Celebrity Reader," reading to children. The club also had a booth where 95 children received free vision screening during the four-hour event.



Celebrity Reader Lion Guy Ward reads to children during the Family Literacy Fair.



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

## LCIF Funds \$1 Billion in Grants

In January, LCIF crossed a historic milestone by surpassing \$1 billion in grants funded! This incredible accomplishment was made possible by the generosity of Lions. But it's only the beginning. In order to support our goal of serving 200 million individuals annually, LCIF is preparing for an increase in Lions-led projects by committing to raise \$50 million annually by its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018.

Your club can support Lions humanitarian efforts around the world by making a donation to LCIF today.

## Entrance Fee Waiver

In celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017, LCI is waiving entrance fees for all new members added between June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>.

As you celebrate the founder's anniversary of Lions on June 7<sup>th</sup> and induct new members, as they're entered into MyLCI, subsequent billing will reflect this special promotion. This does not apply to new members added prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> or after June 10<sup>th</sup> of this year. No exceptions will be approved. Invite family, friends and colleagues to make history with us.

## Scott Teays Club Sends Student to Camp Horseshoe

A few weeks ago, Jill Sergent, who is the sponsor of the Leadership Club at Hurricane High School, requested that the Scott Teays Lions Club consider sending a Hurricane High School student to Camp Horseshoe for Leadership Training and a week of fun.

During the club's discussion about whether to fund this new request, club president, Bill Hensley, told the club about his experience attending Camp Horseshoe. In 1951,

the St. Albans Kiwanis Club sent him and two other St. Albans High School students to the camp. He stated that, "It was great fun. We had lectures in Leadership skills each day for about four hours, but the rest of the time was recreational and fun. The food was good, too." The club decided to send one student this year. The student will be asked to attend a club meeting and tell the members about his/her experience.



Lion Tom Owens of the Scott Teays Lions Club presents a check to Jill Sergent, Sponsor of the Leadership Club at Hurricane High School, while Leadership Club Vice President, Hattie Sergent looks on. The funds will send a Hurricane High School student to Camp Horseshoe Leadership Training in Tucker County.

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100<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Lions International Convention  
Chicago, IL,  
June 30-July 4, 2017





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**A Message from the Editor**

It has been a distinct pleasure to have served as your Lions District 29L Newsletter editor. This responsibility for me concludes with this issue. A new scribe, Heather Sammons, 2016-17 secretary of the Cheat Lake Lions Club, takes over as DG-Elect Lee Ann Welch's newsletter editor. I look forward to reading her upcoming issues and I thank you for sending the articles, pictures and more; for your comments and for catching my errors and omissions. More importantly, I thank all of you for your service to your communities and for your friendship. God bless.

*Lion Bob*

