



District 29-L Newsletter

April 2018

Reviewing the Code of Ethics

by District Governor Lee Ann Welch

Over the past few years, I have been privileged to meet and get to know some fantastic Lions. Not just from our great state of West Virginia, but from around the country and the world.

International Director Connie Le Cleir-Meyer was at a District Conference across the bridge in Boyd County, Kentucky recently and she posted this to her Facebook page:

I have not heard of a “Lions International Pledge” before. Here goes: I pledge allegiance to my country and to the cause of peace throughout the World. I believe in the principles of Lionism as contained in the Lions Code of Ethics. I am proud to be a Lion, dedicated to the service of others.

Wow. I’d never heard it, either.

And, I’d venture to say, not a lot of members know about the Lions Code of Ethics or the Purpose of Lions, either. I had an editor in Gallipolis, Ohio, who had the Code of Ethics framed on his desk. His Past President’s plaque was on the wall beside my desk and I looked at it every day.

So, here is today’s edition of Lions 101:

Lions Clubs Code of Ethics

- To Show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.
- To Seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.
- To Remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another’s; to be loyal to my clients or

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Cabinet Members

District Governor, LeeAnn Welch

First Vice District Governor, Gary Pitcock

Second Vice District Governor, Jordan Glass

Immediate Past District Governor, Linda Leasure

Secretary/Treasurer, Harry Schramm

Zone 1 Chair, Linda Amos

Zone 2 Chair, Chris Doty

Zone 3 Chair, John Wensyel

Zone 4 Chair, Dan Heintzman

Zone 5/6 Chair, Jordan Glass

Zone 7 Chair, Dave Roberts

Zone 8 Chair, Richard McMillan

Zone 9 Chair, George Woodrum

Zone 10 Chair, Donna Pinkerman

Ethics, continued.

- customers and true to myself.
- Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.
- To Hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.
- To Aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- To Be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.
- Lions Clubs International Purpose
- To Organize, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.
- To Coordinate the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.
- To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- To Promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- To Take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- To Unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- To Provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- To Encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

The power of we

by Gary Pitcock, First Vice District Governor

We are heading into April and Spring is in the air! I have been spending time in Morgantown helping local Lions start a new Lions Club. This new club and others will help us with our mission of service. Remember, the theme of International President Naresh Aggarwal, "The power of We," means so much. For every pair of hands we are able to help 70 other people.

On another note, since we are into Spring, this would be a great time to start planning an Environmental project. Planting trees, highway cleanups; taking care of a park – anyone of these projects will impact your community.

To all Lions out there, I am asking for your help. Our motto is We Serve, but our service isn't limited to our communities. Seek out opportunities to serve the clubs near you by helping with projects or providing advice.

I will be working with many of the clubs to grow their membership. This effort takes time and often requires patience. I would like to call on our Past District Governors Association to help clubs with their membership as well. Clubs should feel free to reach out to the PDGA as a valuable resource.

Washington Lands Lions Club mourns passing of charter member

Vincent Elwood Dumire, 96, of Moundsville, WV, died Wednesday, March 21, 2018, in Ruby Memorial Hospital, Morgantown, WV.

He was born May 30, 1921, in St. George, WV, the son of the late Della Pearl Adams and Earl Kalor Dumire.

Mr. Dumire was well known as the butterfly man, as he was an avid butterfly collector.

He was a retired employee of Allied Chemical in Moundsville and was a WWII veteran of the United State Army. He was in the first wave of the Normandy Invasion.

He was a member of Washington Lands United Methodist Church and supported the House of Carpenter. He was also a member of Washington Lands Community Center Association; Washington Lands Lions Club and Eye Mobile Unit; Washington Lands Garden Club; Salvation Army; and a lifetime member of the Washington Lands Volunteer Fire Department. He was also a Marshall County Schools Flag Day participant.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Virginia Phillips Dumire; and brother, Lawrence Zane Dumire.

Surviving are his son, Clifford A. Dumire and his wife, Edwina, of Goose Creek, SC; his daughter, Vicki L. Dumire of Cynthina, KY; sister, Lahoma Jean Dumire Robinson; grandson, Jamie Dumire; granddaughters, Rebecca Metz and Jacqueline Wood; and great-grandchildren, Christopher, Caitlin, Micah, Cheyenne, Mackenzie and Raina.

USA/Canada Forum presents opportunities

by Bernice Pitcock, Leadership Chair

I will keep my comments this month short and sweet. Please complete your election of officers for the next Lions year and submit them through MYLCI or using a PU 101. Officers must be submitted no later than May 1, 2018.

Officer training dates will be announced soon.

Lions Day at the WVU Eye Institute

Greetings, Lions of West Virginia. Spring is approaching and nice weather will soon be here. It's time for Lions Day at the WVU Eye Institute.

Many Lions have asked when they can visit or return to the Eye Institute to see the activities taking place as a result of contributions made by clubs and individuals.

Please mark Saturday, April 14, 2018, from 1-4 p.m. on your calendar for an outstanding day.

A tentative schedule of planned activities include:

- Tour of the Eye Institute
- Diabetic Presentation
- Information on Low Vision
- Information on Macular Degeneration
- Special activities, such as the Blind Café

This day is being scheduled due to the request of many Lions in MD29. Please share this information with your club members and encourage them to join us.

There are great things happening at the WVU Eye Institute. Come and be a part of this unique experience.

Looking forward to seeing all Lions and Leos on April 14th!

Friendly Lions Club endorses Dan Heintzman

by Lion Dan Heintzman

The Friendly Lions Club, at its meeting on December 7, 2017, endorsed long time Club secretary Lion Dan Heintzman to be a candidate for 2nd VDG for District 29L for 18-19.

Lion Dan has been a member of the Friendly Lions Club since October, 1994 and was last Club president from 2001-2003. He has been Club secretary since 2010.

On the District level, he was Deaf and Blind Rec chair in 2010-2011 under PDG Jeff Baxter and was Cabinet Secretary Treasurer in 2012-2013 under PDG Bob Moffett. He is currently Zone 4 Chair under DG Lee Ann Welch.

Among his awards, he has a Presidential Certificate of Excellence, a Leonard Jarrett Fellowship, and was recently awarded a Certified Guiding Lion.

He has attended Lion Leadership Forums in both Kentucky and West Virginia and attended Lions functions in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Montana. He was also instrumental in helping to establish an LCI Twinning Agreement between the Friendly Club and the Beechworth Lions Club in Australia.

He has been married to Lion Charlotte since 2001, is a member of the First Baptist Church in Sistersville, and has been chair of the Sistersville Water and Sewer Board since 2014.

He is also a past chair of the Tyler County Prevention Coalition and serves on its board of directors. He retired from the employment of the State of West Virginia in July, 2016 after 29 years of service.

Upcoming Events

April 22 4 p.m. Barrackville and Rivesville
District Governor night, Barrackville Lions Club.
RSVP to Sharon Gump at 304-363-2353 before
April 15

May 4-6 MD 29 Convention, Lakeview Resort
and Spa, Morgantown

May 5 Council of Governors, Lakeview Resort
and Spa, Morgantown

May 5 2 p.m., Sight Foundation meeting,
Lakeview Golf Resort and Spa, Morgantown

Sept. 20-22 USA/Canada Leadership Forum,
Columbus, OH

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Contact Lion Heather Sammons, District Public Relations & Lions Information Chairperson at heatheresammons@gmail.com for more details!

Be Featured in the Newsletter

Please send any newsletter submissions to Lion Heather Sammons, District Public Relations & Lions Information Chairperson at md29newsletter@gmail.com on or before the 20th of each month to have your club's events or accomplishments featured in the newsletter.

Important Information Regarding the 2018 MD 29 Convention

By Steve Glass, General Chairperson

Date: May 4-6, 2018

Location: Lakeview Golf Resort & Conference Center

Convention Calls, Registration and Delegate Certification

The West Virginia Lion, the official publication of the Convention went out to each West Virginia Lion either through the U.S. Mail or via email on March 4, 2018. It included the official convention call for the multiple district convention and the three district conventions. A copy of the registration form was also included in the West Virginia Lion, and is included in another section of this newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE: In order for a Lion to vote at the Sunday morning district convention, the Lion must be registered for all or any part of the MD Convention, have been designated a delegate or alternate delegate from his/her club, and have his/her delegate card certified by the DG or District CST of his/her district before 9:30 A.M. on Saturday morning, May 5th or by 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, May 6th. This means that I must receive a registration form from that Lion and the registration fee for the entire convention or for the part of the convention that he/she wishes to attend.

District Conventions (Breakfasts)

Lions wishing to have breakfast on Sunday morning at their district convention will need to make a reservation with their district cabinet secretary-treasurer by Wednesday, May 2nd. It will be a plated breakfast and the cost is \$15.00 per person.

Entertainment

Friday night's entertainment will be Matt's Blues and Saturday night's entertainment will be the Trailer Grass Orchestra. More information is available in the West Virginia Lion.

We will have a cash bar during each entertainment session and we will be giving away prizes and cash for those who are on the dance floor when we draw for prizes.

Luncheons

The Saturday Luncheon will feature Morgantown native, Larry Delawder, who is renowned for his Barney Fife impersonations. Larry and his family has traveled thousands of miles across the US to bring laughter and good will to thousands. How ironic that both he and Don Knotts, who starred as the lovable, bumbling deputy in the classic Andy Griffith Show, are both Morgantown natives. You will not want to miss this performance!

West Virginia Past District Governors Luncheon: Friday, May 4th at noon. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Checks are payable to the 2018 MD 29 Convention. Reservations must be made with CC/ PDG Cindy Glass (304-203-2006 or cinwa130@gmail.com) by Tuesday, May 1st.

Seminars

We will have one seminar focusing on the implementation of and the roles and responsibilities of the

club and district global service coordinator. Another seminar will provide an integrated approach for club officer training, reviewing the roles for each officer and the duties and responsibilities of the club officers and board of directors.

Service Project

The Appalachian Prison Book Project (APBP) is a nonprofit organization that sends free books to people imprisoned in the Appalachian region and facilitates year-round book clubs inside federal prisons in West Virginia. It grew out of an American prison literature course taught by Katy Ryan in 2004 at West Virginia University. Since then, APBP has mailed over 20,000 free books to people in prison in six states: West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, and Maryland. APBP is a labor-intensive effort that requires books, volunteers, money for postage and supplies, and lots of organization. A team of volunteers responds to letters from imprisoned people who are looking for reading materials. The Project receives approximately 100 letters every week. You can bring new or slightly used books to donate to the project. Self-help or how to books in paperback form are needed. Hard cover books cannot be accepted. You will have the opportunity to wrap books and send a note of encouragement to an incarcerated person during our activity session. You may also make a financial donation.

Silent Auction

We ask that each club donate one item for our silent auction so that there will be a good variety of items to bid on when you come to the Convention. We will accept gift cards and packages as well as the usual hand-made and handcrafted items. Possible ideas include any of the following: a handmade craft item, specialty or theme baskets, special glassware or collections, trading pins, wearing apparel (ties, vests, scarves, etc.), gift certificates, and packages. We ask that you bring items that are enticing enough that YOU will be willing to bid. Please email or call Lion Cindy Glass at cinwa130@gmail.com or 304-203-2006 with the item being donated, item's value, club name, and who to contact with their email address and phone number.

Wheeling Lions Club donates eye screeners

by PDG John Wensyel

The Wheeling Lions Club recently purchased 3 Plusoptix machines and donated them to the Ohio County Board of Education. They will be used to screen students in Ohio County Schools for vision problems. This project cost the Wheeling Lions Club \$18,000 and is a continuation of our efforts to improve vision for the students in Ohio County.





2018 Multiple District Convention Registration Form

May 4-6, 2018

Lakeview Golf Resort & Spa

Registration Fee: \$100.00 per person for full weekend
(Includes four meals, entertainment both nights, seminars, and more!)

For Friday night dinner and activities only: \$40.00

For Saturday Luncheon and activities only: \$30.00

For Saturday night dinner and activities only: \$50.00

Hotel Room: \$109 per night plus all applicable taxes for single or double occupancy.

Make room reservation directly with Lakeview at (304) 594-1111 by April 10, 2018.

Make sure that you tell them you are with the Lions MD Convention for the special rate.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Club: _____ District: L C I First Timer: Y N

If any meal restrictions, please indicate here _____

Amount Enclosed _____ If you are not paying for full registration, please indicate here which events that you are paying for _____

Make checks payable to 2018 MD 29 Convention. PayPal option is available by contacting Steve Glass. **Please mail completed registration by April 20, 2018** to PID Steve Glass at 191 Ridgeway Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330.

If you have any questions, please contact PID Steve Glass at 304-203-2988 or scjglass@aol.com.

Ishida visits WV

by Yuko Ishida, Lions Youth Exchange participant

I'm Yuko Ishida from Japan. First of all, I'd like to say thank you for all support, especially, my sponsor, Nagoya Honmaru Lions club and my host, West Virginia Lions club.

This was a totally amazing experience for me and first time to visit US. I was worried about my English skills and how American people think about Japan.

However, the people who met in America made me think everything will be alright.

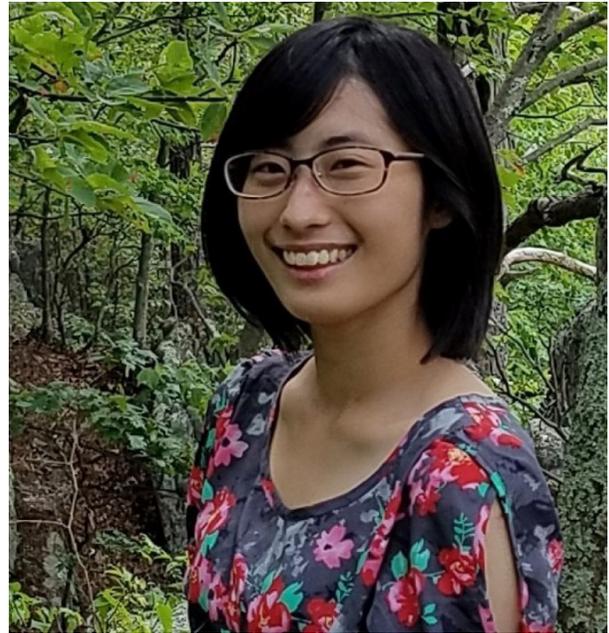
My host family, Henry and Lorrie made me feel like real family and experience heaps of American things. they treated me as a daughter and ask me what kinds of things I wanted to do in US. We went to hiking several times, museums, and Washington DC. Since they knew I learn about American politics and history, they took me to Washington DC many times. For example, the Capitol, US force air museum and Ford theater. The experience will help my study. I appreciate it very much. In addition, I experienced the American foods and lifestyles. This was totally different from Japanese ones but I love them very much. Actually I brought back corn pancakes to Japan.

Second, regarding of my country Japan, all people who met in America were welcomed me. I was overwhelmed by it because I thought they might not like Japan. I then understood US and Japan build a good relationship each other not only politically but also culturally. I was surprised that there are many cherry blossoms in DC which Japan brought US a long time ago. And, everyone asked me many questions like what kinds of foods I eat in Japan and Japanese culture, which made me think they're interested in Japan. Thanks to it, I love America more.

Finally, I can say that this youth exchange is a wonderful program which we should pass on younger generation. Without Lions club, I couldn't experience the real life in America and meet amazing people. I can't wait to back to WV again!

Host families needed

As we move into the spring season the Youth Exchange activity is beginning to increase. So far, we will need host families for seven students this summer. We have families to host four or five, but we are still looking for hosts for the rest. We need to locate families where one of the adults can be at home with the student. Teachers are a good fit to be a host family. Please consider hosting a student for a period of 4-5 weeks this summer. For more information please contact Henry Krautwurst - HenryK248@gmail.com



Three Challenges—Three Months Left

by Larry Johnson, MD29 Centennial Coordinator

Service Challenge, Centennial Celebration Membership Awards, and a Legacy Project that celebrates the Centennial of Lions. It seemed pretty simple. Each club was asked to participate in four (now five) service challenges each year. Members and clubs who sponsored new members or clubs would be recognized for helping grow the Association. And, clubs would complete a project in their community that added to the visibility of Lions and would remain as a lasting reminder of our Centennial celebration.

With only three months left in our celebration, each club should be checking to see where they are with the challenges. What project could you perform—and report through MyLCI—that would indicate your support for each service challenge? Can you put up new signs at the entrance to your community advertising the presence of a local Lions club, or make a significant investment in your community that will remind folks you are there?

Most importantly, can you recruit some new Lions? As we review the Centennial challenges, the one that wraps it all up is membership. You can do more service if you have more Lions. You can raise more money for community projects if you have more Lions. You can have more fun and fellowship if you have more Lions. And—your Lions will get more recognition from Lions Clubs International if they sponsor more Lions.

Service, legacy projects, and membership are important to the continuation of your club and our Association, but membership ties it all together. Three months remain. Let's do it.

District 29-L Welcomes New Lions

New Cumberland Lions Club

Jeffrey Fawcett

Wellsburg Lions Club

Stacy Hooper

Tim Hooper

Matt Lucero

We Serve



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