The West Virginia Lion
97th Convention Issue
Flatwoods, WV May 3-5, 2019

The Lions Club of Lesage welcomes you to the 97th MD 29
Convention of the Lions of West Virginia

Kembra L. Smith
International Director

Kembra L. Smith from Decatur, Georgia, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association’s 97th International Convention held in Toronto, Canada, July 4 through 8, 2014. Director Smith is a lawyer.

A member of the Decatur North Decatur Lions Club since 1997, she has held many offices within the association, including district governor, zone chairperson, council chairperson, district LCIF chairperson, multiple district MERL coordinator, district and multiple district GLT coordinator, district convention chairperson and CEP facilitator. Director Smith is also the chairperson for the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation and a certified guiding Lion.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards, including four Contributing Membership Bronze Awards, the Member Key Award and an International President’s Award. She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Smith is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the American Immigration Lawyers’ Association, the American Bar Association’s Appellate Judges Conference (“AJC”), Council of Appellate Lawyers and the Federal Bar Association. She previously served as president of the AJC’s Appellate Staff Attorneys.
AGENDA FOR STATE CONVENTION MAY 2019
DAYS INN, FLATWOODS, WV

FRIDAY 5/3/19
12:00PM - 5:00PM  REGISTRATION
2:30PM - 4:00PM  WVSCF MEETING
4:00PM - 5:00PM  COG MEETING
6:00PM - 8:00PM  DINNER
                   WVPDGA RECOGNITION AWARDS
9:00PM - 11:00PM  WV DUELING PIANO

SATURDAY 5/4/2019
9:00AM - 4:00PM  REGISTRATION
9:00AM - 11:30AM  MD 29 BUSINESS MEETING
12:00PM - 1:30PM  LUNCH
1:45PM - 2:15PM  STRIDES WALK
2:30PM - 3:45PM  DISTRICT MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS
4:00PM - 4:45PM  SEMINAR
5:45PM - 6:30PM  RECEPTION
6:30PM - 8:15PM  BANQUET
                   GUEST KEMBRA SMITH TO SPEAK
                   PRESIDENTIAL & LEADERSHIP AWARDS
8:30PM - 11:30PM  HOSPITALITY ROOM OPEN

SUNDAY 5/5/2019
BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN - NO DISTRICT BREAKFAST
9:00AM - 10:15AM  NECROLOGY
10:15AM - 11:00AM  TIME TO CHECK OUT OF HOTEL
11:00AM - 12:30PM  ELECTIONS RESULTS AND TALK FROM DGE LUNCH
12:30PM - 1:15PM  COG MEETING
1:15PM - 1:45PM  WVSCF MEETING
2019 MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM
May 3-5, 2019
Days Inn & Conference Center, Flatwoods, WV

REGISTRATION FEE: $110.00 PER PERSON FOR FULL WEEKEND
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AND ACTIVITIES ONLY $30.00
SATURDAY LUNCHEON AND ACTIVITIES ONLY $35.00
SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET AND ACTIVITIES ONLY $45.00
SUNDAY LUNCH ONLY $30.00

HOTEL ROOM: $89.00 FOR 2 PEOPLE IN A ROOM
$99.00 FOR MORE THAN 2 PEOPLE IN A ROOM

MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH DAYS INN, FLATWOODS
AT 304-765-5055 AND STATE YOU ARE WITH THE LIONS CONVENTION

NAME(S): __________________________________________

ADDRESS: __________________________________________

CITY_________STATE_________ZIP CODE___________________

EMAIL: ___________________________ PHONE___________________

CLUB_______________________DISTRICT_______FIRST TIMER: Y N

PLEASE LIST ANY MEAL RESTRICTIONS AND INDICATE HERE________
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AMOUNT ENCLOSED___________ IF YOU ARE NOT PAYING FOR FULL
REGISTRATION, PLEASE INDICATE HERE WHICH EVENTS THAT YOU ARE
PAYING FOR_________________________________________________________________

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO 2019 MD 29 CONVENTION. PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED
REGISTRATION BY APRIL 19, 2019 TO PCC KRIS PINKERMAN AT
PO BOX 114, LESAGE, WV 25537

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT PCC KRIS PINKERMAN
AT 304-638-4096 OR AKPINKERMAN@GMAIL.COM
Convention Information
Reservations and Registration
Please make your room reservations before April 19, 201 by calling Days Inn directly at 304-765-5055. We have blocked 10 rooms for Thursday night and 50 rooms each for Friday and Saturday nights. The room rate for Lions is $89.99 or $99.99 per night plus all applicable taxes for single or double occupancy. Please tell them at the desk that you are with the MD 29 Lions Convention when you make your reservation.
Please submit your convention registration fee before April 19, 2019. The $110 per person registration fee includes the cost of Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner, and Sunday Lunch. We are also offering special rates for those who cannot attend all the functions. Please see the enclosed registration form.
When you register, please indicate which meal/meals you are attending if you are not sending the entire registration, and make sure you send the correct amount.
We will have a hospitality room available throughout the weekend courtesy of our candidates for district governor, first and second vice district governors. A cash bar will also be available during each night’s entertainment.

Bring Your Club Banners
Remember to bring your club banners to display during convention activities.
The banners must have a banner pole in order to be displayed. We cannot tape, pin, or nail club banners to any wall.

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.) We ask that you bring items that are enticing enough that YOU will be willing to bid.
Please email or call Lion Donna Pinkerman at wvlions@comcast.net or 304-416-1097 with the item being donated, item’s value, club name, and who to contact with their email address and phone number.
To: Cabinet Officers, Past District Governors, Presidents and Secretaries of all Lions Clubs in Multiple District 29, West Virginia

From: MD 29 Constitution and By-Laws Committee

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee, at the direction of the MD 29 Council of Governors, presents the following amendments for consideration by the delegates to the 2019 MD 29 Convention to be held on May 3-5, 2019 at Days Inn Flatwoods, West Virginia:

1. **That Article VII, Section 1 of the current Constitution be amended as follows:**

   After the first full sentence of the current language, add the following sentence: *New and reorganized clubs shall be given a one-year grace period starting from the charter date as established by LCI for new clubs and one year from the date of reorganization as established by LCI for reorganized clubs, respectively, and will be required to pay multiple district dues on the next billing cycle as set forth in Section 1 hereof.*

   Delete the second full paragraph of the section in its entirety.

   This proposed amendment modifies an existing part of the MD Constitution; thus, it requires a two-thirds affirmative vote by the delegates for passage.

2. **That Article VII, Section 1, Paragraph C of the current Constitution be amended as follows:**

   Include the following language as part of the third paragraph after the first sentence:

   *Eligible students between the age of legal majority and through age thirty (30) shall only be required to pay one-half (1/2) of the current dues that the club is assessed for multiple district dues. An eligible student is defined as a student enrolled in an educational institution, and the club will be required to complete any necessary certifications to verify the student’s eligibility.*

   This proposed amendment modifies an existing part of the MD Constitution; thus, it requires a two-thirds affirmative vote by the delegates for passage.

3. **That Article V, Section 1 of the current By-Laws be amended as follows:**

   Replace the existing language in its entirety with the following:

   *The Council shall allocate the Multiple District portion of the Multiple District Dues as follows: one dollar and twenty cents ($1.20) to the Multiple District Convention Fund; one dollar twenty cents ($1.20) to the International Convention Fund; and five dollars and forty cents ($5.40) to the Council of Governors Administrative Fund.*

   This proposed amendment modifies an existing part of the MD By-Laws; thus, it requires a two-thirds affirmative vote by the delegates for passage.

   Each amendment if approved shall take effect at the close of the 2019 Multiple District 29 convention unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

   This notice of proposed amendments to the Constitution and the By-Laws of Multiple District 29 is being sent to you because Article X, Section 3 of the current MD 29 Constitution and
Article IX, Section 3 of the current MD 29 By-Laws provide that no amendment shall so reported or voted upon unless the same shall have been published by regular post or electronic means to the President and Secretary of each club, all Past District Governors, all Multiple District Coordinators and Chairpersons, and all Cabinet officers no less than thirty (30) days prior to the convening date of the annual convention with notice that the same will be voted upon at said convention.

A resolution for each proposed amendment contained herein will be presented to the delegates to the 2019 MD Convention at the Business Session of said convention on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at Days Inn Conference Center at Flatwoods, West Virginia.

Please read the proposed amendments and discuss them with your club’s delegate(s) to the Multiple District Convention, so they may be prepared to cast an informed vote.

A copy of this notice will also be posted to the Multiple District website at www.wvlions.org.

MD 29 Constitution & By-Laws Committee

   PID Steve Glass, Chairperson
   PID Larry G. Johnson
   PID Robert Browning
   PCC Al Cox
District Convention Calls
In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the Standard Form District By-Laws, 29-L Convention will be held Saturday afternoon, May 4, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. at Days Inn Conference Center, Flatwoods, WV. The purpose of the convention is to elect a District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, Trustees to the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, and other elected positions, if required, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Issued by me on this 28th day of February, 2019.

Gary Pitcock
District Governor, 29-L
signed electronically

District Convention Calls
In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the Standard Form District By-Laws, 29-C Convention will be held Saturday afternoon, May 4, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. at Days Inn Conference Center, Flatwoods, WV. The purpose of the convention is to elect a District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, Trustees to the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, and other elected positions, if required, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Issued by me on this 28th day of February, 2019.

Charolette Henson
District Governor, 29-C
signed electronically

District Convention Calls
In compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the Standard Form District By-Laws, 29-I Convention will be held Saturday afternoon, May 4, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. at Days Inn Conference Center, Flatwoods, WV. The purpose of the convention is to elect a District Governor, First Vice District Governor, Second Vice District Governor, Trustees to the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, and other elected positions, if required, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Issued by me on this 28th day of February, 2019.

Rob Bright
District Governor, 29-I
signed electronically
District 29L DG Gary Pitcock

It is so hard to believe that this Lions year is coming to an end. PDG Bernice and I have met so many new friends. We were able to visit clubs and meet Lions that we had not met before around our District. The hospitality that we experienced was overwhelming. As I have related to many Lions within our District, we are truly a family. I am so very proud of each and everything that you do, the many things we have accomplished because of your hard work and dedication.

This was a historic year—starting the second century of service; having the first female International President, as well as, the 50th anniversary of LCIF.

We have many more things to accomplish in the coming months and into the next Lions year. 1. We need to establish new clubs—with new clubs come new members, with new ideas for meaningful projects. 2. Strengthening our existing clubs—probably the hardest to accomplish of all. I am very confident in saying that our next District Governor will do a great job and will work hard to make our District stronger. He will have a great First Vice District Governor in Lion Ron Grubb.

It has been a pleasure working with First VDG Bill Syphers and traveling with him on our long visits. Thanks to Lion Bill and all the great Lions of 29L for all their help and everything they have done for me. The District Cabinet has been exceptional. Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Eva, Zone Chairs—thank you so much for your hard work. Thanks to PDG John Wensyel for his work on the 29L conference, what a great job he did!!

Again, thanks to everyone for thinking “Beyond the Horizon”—remember: Service is the Key to Success.

God Bless,

DG Gary

First Vice District Governor
Bill Syphers

Second Vice District Governor
Ron Grubb
(picture unavailable)
DISTRICT 29C – CHAROLETTE HENSON

Oh where has the year gone. A year ago when started this journey was not as excited about Lionsism and serving the Lions of my District as I am now.

This year have added lots new members to my Lion family not only from my District but from the state of West Virginia and around the world.

Wish could Thank each of you individually but as not enough time will just say Thank you here for being a Lion and for making my year as wonderful as it has been.

Traveling the district have learned of the enthusiasm of the Lion In District C, Looking forward to seeing this continue to grow in the years to come.

A special Thank you to PID Steve Glass, PID Larry Johnson and PID Robert Browning for their help this year for without it would not made it.

To DG Gary Pitcock and DG Robert Bright Thank you for not only being my fellow DG”s but for being my friend.

To The clubs in my District it has taken each one of you to make my year and as I said to you when visited I’m just the DG Governor you are the ones that make Lions what it is in the District. Thank you for all your hard work.

A special thank you to my cabinet for without each of you we could not have made it this year.

Consider the Lions my family and this year my family has just got bigger. So as the year comes to and end a new one will begins hope you will continue to work in your clubs, communities, district and state to make Lionism better each day.

DG Charolette Henson

First Vice District Governor
Gary Boyd
MD 29-I District Governor Rob Bright

What a fun and exciting year this has been. Where did the time go? It has already been a year and my term as your 29-I District Governor is almost over. What a ride!

I will never forget this past year serving as your District Governor. Traveling throughout the District, visiting all the clubs, and hearing about or observing all the great work that you do serving the communities and “Making a Difference”. Every club I visited or event that I attended, the red carpet was rolled out and Lions were warm and friendly. I made so many new friends, not only in the District, but throughout the state and country.

It was a pleasure serving with my fellow District Governors, DG Charolette Henson and DG Gary Pitcock, CC Ken Shahan and MD Secretary/Treasurer Doug Long. It was a positive learning experience. Thank you for the encouragement and support.

I want to thank all the members of my Cabinet, for volunteering to serve, their dedication, hard work, joining me on club visits, and assisting me in reaching our goals. A very big thank you for my District Sectary/Treasurer Sue Long, FVDG Ruth Straley and SVDG John Mason. Everyone jumped in, provided support and worked hard while ensuring that we had fun. From the bottom of my heart, Thank You. It has been a pleasure serving with you.

I would like to thank my home club, Fort Ashby Lions club for their endorsement and support; the Berkeley Springs Lions Club for hosting the Fall Conference; and all the Lions who give their time and money to serve. A special thank you to my wife Mary Jane who has walked every step with me, providing support and being my sounding board. I could never have accomplished half of the things or made the journey without her.

Hopefully, we “Made a Difference” this past year. I believe that we did. I was humbled and honored to serve as District 29-I Governor.

DG Rob
The 102nd annual Lions Clubs International Convention
Will be in Milan, Italy
July 5-9, 2019

THIS PAGE IS SPONSORED BY THE WV PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION
WEST VIRGINIA LIONS SIGHT CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

Greetings to the Lions of West Virginia.

In 1925, at the International Convention held in Cedar Point, Ohio, Helen Keller addressed the Lion delegates attending the convention. She challenged the Lions in attendance to become “Knights of the Blind” in the crusade against darkness.

The Lions of West Virginia rose to that challenge to create an organization that would increase West Virginians’ access to specialized eye care to meet the needs of others.

On June 6, 1959, by vote of the delegates of the West Virginia State Lions Convention at Charleston, WV, the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation was formed. The purpose of the Foundation was then and remains today dedicated to meeting the sight and hearing needs of the citizens of West Virginia who do not have access to these services due to economic or other barriers.

The West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation began their relationship with West Virginia University in 1961. This partnership continues to this day and greatly benefits the lives that West Virginia University and the Lions of West Virginia are committed to serving.

This year, 2019, the Foundation celebrates 60 years of serving those in need. This has been accomplished through the dedication and hard work of our Lions and Lions Clubs in West Virginia. Without the financial support of these Lions and the clubs that they represent, there would be no Foundation. I want to thank you for your support and I hope you will continue to donate generously to the Foundation.

Lion Leonard Jarrett’s dream and vision for the Foundation lives on today in the hearts of our Lions in our great state. His legacy will continue to live on as long as we put the needs of others before our own.

How fitting is our Lions motto of “WE SERVE”!

Yours in Lionism,

PCC Barbara Fishel
President WVLSCF
2018-2019
We will be having a **Silent Auction** at the upcoming WV State Convention to be held on May 3-5, 2019 at Days Inn, Flatwoods, WV. To make this happen we are asking the assistance of **EVERY** club attending.

If each club would donate **one item**, there will be a great variety to **bid** on when you come to the Leadership Retreat. Possible ideas would be:

- A handmade craft item
- Special piece of glassware
- Specialty or theme baskets
- Gift certificates or packages

It is hoped the items donated would be enticing enough that **YOU** will be willing to consider bidding.

Proceeds from the auction will be used to help defray the costs of the Leadership Retreat so that everyone in the multiple district will consider attending. This is a time to gather and grow as leaders, as well as enjoy the fellowship of Lion friends from around the multiple district and neighboring states.

We hope you will consider this request. Please complete the form below and send it to **Donna Pinkerman (wvlions@comcast.net)** and let know what type of item you or your club will donate. We look forward to hearing from you.

**PCC Kris Pinkerman (304-638-4096)**

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**ITEM BEING DONATED** ___________________________________________

**SUGGESTED STARTING BID** $ ________________________________

**CLUB** __________________________________________

**CONTACT PERSON** __________________________________________

**CONTACT PHONE NUMBER** ________________________________

**CONTACT E-MAIL ADDRESS** ________________________________

**Thank you in advance for your participation and support!!**