



## Charleston Gold Dome Lions Club

Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at Shoney's Restaurant in Kanawha City, Charleston, WV at 6:00 p.m.

# GOLD DOME NEWS NUGGETS

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☞--**March Meetings--6:00 p.m. at Shoney's in Kanawha City**—On TUESDAY, March 2nd, our club will meet at Shoney's Restaurant in Kanawha City at 6 p.m. for a Nominations Meeting. On TUESDAY, February 16th—same time and place—we will have the second meeting of the month with a program tba.

☞--**Board Meeting**—A Board of Directors meeting is scheduled immediately following the first regular meeting of the month.

☞--**April Meetings**—Our club will have the first regular meeting of the month on April 6th at Shoney's Restaurant in Kanawha City at 6 p.m. will serve as our Elections Meeting. On April 20th—same time and place—we will have the second regular meeting of the month with a program to be announced.

☞--**Nominations Meeting and Elections Meeting**—Lion President Darrell Jennings has appointed a Nominations Committee to develop a list of candidates for club officers for Lions Year 7/1/10 through 6/30/11. The committee is Lions Sheri, Jimmy and Jim. Lions interested in holding an office should contact a committee member. The Nominations Meeting will be March 2nd which is the last time nominations can be taken from the floor and the Elections Meeting will be April 16th. Those interested in serving as a club officer should contact a member of the Nominations Committee.



☞--**February Fundraises and Snow Jobs**—We had a snowy February that stifled noble intentions of having several Saturday events. We were able to have Lion Tim Anderson to sell at Elder Beerman on February 6th. He sold Community Day Coupon Booklets, WFC chocolate bars and peelers. We were also able to have Lion Jimmy Lowery to sell the same items at Elder Beerman on February 20th. We scheduled Hot Dog Sales at Kroger's in Kanawha Mall and Elder Beerman on Community Day, February 27th but were unfortunately snowed out.

### ☞--**Lion Eggs in** Charleston Gold Dome

- March 6th -- Kroger
- March 13th – K-
- March 20th – K-
- March 27th – K-
- April 4th –



### **March/April**— The On Saturdays in March/April, the Lions Club will be selling Lion Eggs as follows:

- Kanawha City Mall—10-4
- Mart/Big K—Patrick Street—10-4
- Mart/Big K—Elkview—10-4
- Mart/Big K—St. Albans—2-6
- WalMart-Southridge—10-4

The Lion Eggs are plastic eggs, each containing a note and a Chenille chick that sell for \$1 per egg. All notes thank the buyer and some of the notes have a prize number indicating the buyer has won a small prize. Prizes range from a variety of items, like a ball cap, figurines, yo-yos and other fun things for adults and children.

We need members to volunteer to work at some of the above events. If you would like to work or have any items to donate as prizes, contact Lion Sheri or Jimmy. Profits from these fund-raisers will go to help the visually and hearing impaired by providing eyeglasses and hearing aides for the needy in the community as well as other Lions charities and activities. If you have questions, please call Lions Jimmy or Sheri Lowery at 304-965-1940.



~--*Kiss A Pig 2010—Event and Artwork Contest*--- The Charleston Gold Dome Lions Club (CGDLC) and the West Virginia Branch of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) International are hosting the 11th Annual KISS A PIG (KAP) FUNdraising event to raise research dollars for a cure for diabetes and dollars for the Lions Club charities and projects. The KAP Kick-Off will be held on Saturday, March 27th at noon. The KAP Kiss-Off will be Saturday, May 29th at noon both at Appalachian Power Park. We have also an artwork contest open to youth statewide.

Since the pig was the first source of insulin in 1921, the JDRF and Gold Dome Lions recognize and really love the pig (enough to hold a contest to kiss it). Hence they are willing to support and happy to work with the ‘Kiss A Pig’ for diabetes awareness program.

Local candidates will campaign to solicit the most votes for their campaign. Each dollar donation counts as a vote. Whoever garners the most votes gets the honor of kissing the pig. Candidates will be secured and will be busily campaigning for the high honor. Votes/dollars can be given (in any quantity) to the candidates for their competition to get the most votes to kiss the pig at high noon on May 29th. Donations are tax deductible. The search for candidates is on, so everyone is encouraged to join the fun.

Before the KAP Kick-Off, both organizations will sponsor an artwork contest open to all West Virginia students aged 6 to 19. The contest has the following objectives:

- To raise awareness concerning diabetes among youth and all ages afflicted with the disease. The awareness should include learning about the disease, its prevention and treatment.
- To encourage learning about diabetes through work done by the Charleston Gold Dome Lions Club (CGDLC) as a member of Lions Clubs International and the West Virginia Branch of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) International.
- To accomplish these objectives via a competitive artwork contest, sponsored by the CGDLC and the JDRF in connection with an annual Kiss A Pig (KAP) Campaign.
- To provide the CGDLC and the JDRF with a piece of artwork that can be used to promote the KAP campaign and serve as a logo for the KAP Campaign.

The contest winner will receive a **\$100 US Savings Bond**. The contest begins the twenty-second of February of the current school year and continues until the fifteenth of March. Entries must be postmarked by March 15th to be eligible. Finalists will be selected by March 23rd and will be notified in person, by mail or by telephone no later than March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

More information about Lions Clubs and the JDRF at [www.wvlions.org](http://www.wvlions.org) and [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org). The rules and entry form can be obtained from the following websites: [www.lionsmd29-o.org](http://www.lionsmd29-o.org) or [www.wvlions.org](http://www.wvlions.org) or [www.jdrf.org/westvirginia](http://www.jdrf.org/westvirginia) (click on upcoming events on the left side of the page. Under that there will be a option to choose Kiss a Pig. After clicking that, click on KAP Art Contest).

Questions concerning the contest can be sent via e-mail or phoned to one of the following:

Jenny Fisher	304-348-1971	<a href="mailto:jlfisher@kcs.kana.k12.wv.us">jlfisher@kcs.kana.k12.wv.us</a> of JDRF or
Tammy Owen	304-346-7000	<a href="mailto:tjo@goodwingoodwin.com">tjo@goodwingoodwin.com</a> of JDRF or
Sheri Lowery	304-965-1940	<a href="mailto:sherij55@directv.net">sherij55@directv.net</a> of CGDLC

The West Virginia Branch of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF) is the leading charitable funder and advocate of type 1 (juvenile) diabetes research worldwide. The mission of JDRF is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research. “The KAP program is a fun and exciting way for the community to become involved in helping us achieve our mission,” said Tammy Owen, President of the West Virginia Branch of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International. “We hope this contest will result in a raised awareness of the dangers of diabetes, the benefits of early detection and the ongoing necessary research to find a cure. We know that West Virginia youth have great talent and can come up with some wonderful artwork.”

Lions Clubs in West Virginia and all over the world heavily concentrate on projects to help the blind and visually impaired. Darrell Jennings, President of the Charleston Gold Dome Lions Club (and a diabetic), said, “We as Lions members are aware of the problems that diabetes can cause on sight and we are pleased to embrace a project that will help make everyone aware of diabetes and its potential complications. Diabetes is a leading cause of blindness. This contest and the KAP Campaign can help us all promote finding a cure for the disease.”

Jennings went on to say: “In December 2008 the ADA closed its WV Office in Hurricane. In past years, the Kiss-A-Pig annual event has been hosted jointly by the ADA and Charleston Gold Dome Lions Club raising thousands of dollars for ADA research and Lions Eye programs (so often related to diabetes). Last year the Gold Dome Lions Club alone served as ‘Pig Central’ and once more the leadership will reside with our club and dedicated members. However, this year we are excited to join forces with JDRF to work together to raise awareness and needed funds for our mutual projects.”



🎂--**Birthdays**— We have one March birthday! Happy Birthday Lion Joann Birurakis (3/3)!

🎭--**Joke, No Really**— "That lowdown scoundrel deserves to be kicked to death by a jackass, and I'm just the one to do it,"--A congressional candidate in Texas.

📧--**The GOLD DOME NEWS NUGGETS**-- will be circulated monthly among those attending meetings and will be E-mailed to members with E-mail or snail mailed to those without E-mail. You don't have to have E-mail to save our club a stamp, just come to the meetings ☺. Let Lion Jim know (344-3355) of any "news nuggets" you might have.



🕯--**Candle Sales**— The Gold Dome Lions Club continues to sell scented candles. They are great for personal use or as nice gifts. They are only \$10 per 16 oz/pint jar. The proceeds go to help the visually impaired and other Lions Club charities. The candles come in a neat pint size jar and have some really neat scents, like Apple Cinnamon, Banana Nut Bread, Cinnamon Stick and many others. Feel free to take orders from friends or family with delivery in a few weeks.



♻--**Remember to Recycle Cans**— All members are encouraged to bring their pop cans to Lion President Darrell. He has his own can crusher and turns them in for cash regularly. Revenue from this project goes to our Administrative Fund and has been very helpful in past years. Let's get off our cans and supply some metal cans to Lion Darrell!

🧠-- **To Remember** that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself. .—**Third of Eight Lions Code of Ethics Items.**

📝--**Works in Progress**—

- WVLSCF 5/23 Quilt Raffle Sales—Report – Tickets still available --\$2 each or 3 for \$5—See Lion Jim
- WVLSCF Autographed Basketball Raffle Sales—Report – Tickets available --\$2 each or 3 for \$5—Club ticket sales can be sent to WVLSCF and receive Leonard Jarrett Award credit—See Lion Jim
- Sister City—Slovakia—Banska Bystrica—Lions Twinning Program—Program presented 12/15
- No-Smoking Program for the public at the Charleston Plaza Hotel as a community service project per Lion Randi. She will be coordinating with Cheryl Jackson when she can be reached
- Kiss A Pig event –Kick Off--3/27—Kiss Off--5/29
- White Cane Day Planning—1,000 Stickers received—Plan date--White Cane Week 5/11-17—Need cans
- Cell phone collections fundraising

**Coming Events in 2010** – Note—"Program to be announced" will be abbreviated "tba." Items in **red ink** denote Second Vice District Governor (2VDG) Darrell Jennings Visits. Items in **green ink** denote fund-raisers. Items in **blue ink** denote service or other events. Items in **black ink** denote club meetings.

- ◆ **March 2 --- 2VDG Darrell visiting Hamlin Lions Club**
- ◆ **March 2—Regular Meeting—Nominations Meeting—Raffle prizes by Lion Tim Keenan**
- ◆ **March 9 --- 2VDG Darrell visiting Glasgow Cedar Grove Lions Club**
- ◆ **March 15 ---2VDG & Zone 5 Chair Darrell holding Zone 5 meeting at Alum Creek Lions Club**
- ◆ **March 16—Regular Meeting—tba—Raffle prizes by Lion Jimmy and Sheri Lowery**
- ◆ **March 23 --- 2VDG Darrell attending Zone 6 meeting at Glasgow Cedar Grove Lions Club**
- ◆ **April 6—Regular Meeting—Elections Meeting—Raffle prizes by Lion Charles Varner**
- ◆ **April 13 --- 2VDG Darrell visiting Glasgow Cedar Grove Lions Club for District Governor official visit**
- ◆ **April 18 --- 2VDG Darrell attending the District Governors cabinet meeting**
- ◆ **April 20—Regular Meeting—tba—Raffle prizes by Lion Jill Marks/Jennings**
- ◆ **SERVICE/OTHER EVENT—April 22—Earth Day**
- ◆ **SERVICE/OTHER EVENT—April 24—Lions World Wide Induction Day**
- ◆ **May 4—Regular Meeting—tba—Raffle prizes by Lion Jerri McMillon**
- ◆ **May 11 – 2VDG Darrell visiting Glasgow Cedar Grove Lions Club for his official visit**
- ◆ **May 18—Regular Meeting—tba—Raffle prizes by Lion Jimmy and Sheri Lowery**
- ◆ **SERVICE/OTHER EVENT--May 11-17—White Cane Week**
- ◆ **SERVICE/OTHER EVENT--May 21-23, 2010 WV MD29 State Convention, Snowshoe Mountain, Snowshoe, WV**
- ◆ **SERVICE/OTHER EVENT—June 1—Helen Keller Day**

*Please make every effort to attend our meetings. Enjoy lots of fun and fellowship and you might learn a few new things about Lionism and how "WE SERVE." Bring a friend or loved one. Invite them to join. Remember...*

***"MORE LIONS-MORE FRIENDS"***