



International Association of Lions Clubs

**WEST VIRGINIA LIONS
DISTRICT 29-I**

District Governor Cindy Glass

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During the cold and snowy month of January, I only had one official visit – a joint meeting of the Wilsonburg and North View Lions Clubs, and I thank those Lions for hosting me and listening to my message. The month was still full of Lions activities as there was a Council of Governors meeting and a Sight Foundation Meeting on January 8, and a 29-I Cabinet Meeting on January 15. All these meetings were well attended and filled with enthusiasm and Lionistic spirit.

Our District is doing only fair as far as our membership numbers. As of late January (according to LCI's records), we had gained 91 new members since July 1 but lost 100 due to drops and 11 more to death. Like many other states, we continue to lose members. We still have time to add new members and just as important, we have time to keep from losing any more current members. I want to stress, however, this is not about “numbers” – it's about keeping fresh blood and ideas in our clubs – about the service we provide or are unable to provide if our membership continues to decline. If your club needs help with membership and retention, please let me or your zone chairperson know – we have many dedicated and knowledgeable Lions who would be happy to assist!

Since we are in the depths of a lousy winter, let's all try to look forward to the beautiful month of May and our state convention at Lakeview Resort near Morgantown! The Registration Fee is \$80 if paid before May 1st. However, if you joined since July 1, 2010, your registration fee is only \$40. Breakfast tickets to our district event on Sunday morning are not included in the Registration Fee and cost \$14, and we must have a breakfast count no later than May 5. Contact Secretary/Treasurer Janice Nicholson or me to make a breakfast reservation, which should be paid in advance. Our block of rooms at Lakeview will be released April 23, so call them to make a reservation. All the details are on the Registration Form included in this newsletter. State Convention Chair PCC Trish Glennon has lots of fun planned, and we will be honored to have International 2nd Vice President Wayne Madden as our guest.

In closing, I want to share two quotations from the January edition of the Lion magazine that I especially liked:

“The world of Lions is a bit upside-down as much of the world views life. As Lions, instead of a focus on working and making money, we concern ourselves with serving and making life better for others. In a world often divided by borders, language and culture, we find unity in service.” International President Sid L. Scruggs III

“Lions are different from other organizations. We raise money by working. We want a little of your time, your talents and your energy and ideas. It takes someone who really cares to do this and not just write a check. It's the great equalizer.” PCC Terry Goodman, Milford Lions Club, NH.

Thanks for all that you are doing to make life better for someone else, and have a Happy Valentine's Day!

DG Cindy





SECOND THOUGHTS SVDG Barbara Fishel

By the time you receive this month's newsletter, you will have missed a great opportunity to increase your leadership skills. The West Virginia Lions Leadership School at Flatwoods will be over. At the last count that I heard, 160 Lions from across our state will have gained valuable insight into the workings of Lionism. That does not mean that those not attending are completely left out. Leadership begins with your very own Lions club. When your sponsoring Lion asked you to join your club, they saw something in you they liked and wanted you to share your talents with other Lions. If you have been "holding back" by not accepting an office within your club, now is the time to "Reach Out"!

Clubs should be starting to think about who their new officers are going to be. Why not step out of your very secure comfort zone and volunteer to accept a position as a club officer? All clubs operate differently and each officer in a club will bring forth their own style of leadership. That is what makes each Lions Club unique. All of us are not great leaders, and we don't have to pretend to be such. Effective leadership comes naturally to some of us, but most of us have to work a lot harder at it. By serving as a club officer, we can build up our confidence level and eventually our leadership qualities will come naturally.

Clubs should encourage those Lions who have been reluctant to take over the reins of leadership to step forward. New Lions, new leadership, new ideas! How exciting to think about starting the new Lion year with enthusiastic leaders.

Near my desk, I have a beautiful plaque with a quote from Abraham Lincoln. The plaque reads as follows: "Whatever you are...be a good one." I want to challenge you to become a "good Lion". When you have accomplished that goal, your leadership abilities will start to evolve naturally. You will grow as a Lion and your club will reap the benefits of your leadership qualities.



CANDIDATE FOR SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR IN DISTRICT 29-I

Lion George Quinn was born July 1, 1943 in Johnson City, New York. He graduated from Vestal High School in 1961. George attended Hartwick College and received his BS Degree in Business Management from Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa.

Lion George joined the Charles Town Lions Club in 1989. He has held the position of Tail Twister and Secretary. He has served as Vice President and President numerous times. George has also served as Zone Chairperson for Zone 1 from 1993-94, 1994-95 and the present year. He served as Conference Chair for PDG Al Collins in 1993.

Since joining the Lions Club, Lion George has been named a Leonard Jarrett Recipient and a Melvin Jones Fellow, and he is also a membership key holder. George and his wife Ruth have been married for 25 years. George has two children, Christopher and Jennifer. Chris is married to Jodi and has one son Connor and one stepson Brayden.

Before his retirement, Lion George owned and operated a fine dining restaurant in Charles Town for 17 years. He and Ruth now enjoy working part-time, and especially enjoy their three rescued greyhounds – Runner, Gunnie and Chloe. Lion George is also very active in greyhound rescue and travels around the Mid-Atlantic States picking up greyhounds to find them new homes, and he also participates in "Meet-n-Greets" in pet stores in his area. Don't ask him about greyhounds unless you want him to bend your ears for at least a half an hour!

Lion George presently works part-time for Summit Point Motor Sports Park where he gets paid to watch cars and motor bikes go by.

CALENDAR - 2011

February 7	Zone 8 Meeting – 7 p.m. – hosted by East View Ladies LC
February 15	DG visit to Philippi Lions Club – 6:30 p.m.
February 19	Zone 10 Elimination Dinner – 6 p.m. – VFW in Clarksburg
March 3	DG visit to Adamston Lions Club
March 7	Zone 2 Meeting hosted by Short Gap LC – 6 p.m.
March 8	DG visit to Martinsburg LC/Martinsburg Lioness Club
March 11-12	District L Conference – Ramada Inn, Morgantown
March 14	DG visit to Valley District Lions Club
March 18	33rd annual Lions Day with the UN – New York City
March 19	4th Cabinet Meeting – Time/Place TBA
March 28	DG visit to Paw Paw Lions Club
April 1	80th Anniversary – Charles Town Lions Club
April 4	Zone 4 Meeting - Lil Andies in Parsons - 5:30 p.m.
April 7	DG visit to Hedgesville and Pikeside LCs – 6:30 p.m.
April 12	Zone 7 Meeting hosted by Rowlesburg LC
May 12	DG visit to Salem Lions Club – 5:30 – Sportsmen’s Lake
May 14	85th Anniversary – Martinsburg Lions Club – 6 p.m. Martinsburg Holiday Inn
May 20-22	State Convention – Lakeview Resort, Morgantown
July 4-8	International Convention – Seattle, WA

Other Club and District Event Dates:

February 5	“Ground Hog” Feed – Central Upshur Lion Club
March 5	Pancake Feed – Tennerton Lions Club
March 25	Berkeley Springs Lions Elimination Dinner
March 26	Clarksburg Lions Elimination Dinner

Welcome New Members

Nancy Aucremane	Bridgeport Lions Club
Argyle Kaufman	Bridgeport Lions Club
Debbie Davis	Clarksburg Lions Club
Lisa Cvechko	Jane Lew Lions Club
Karen Davis	Jane Lew Lions Club
Judith Flynn	Junior Lions Club
William Poling	Junior Lions Club
Jason Shelton	Junior Lions Club
Danny Butler	Shinnston Lions Club
Sally Butler	Shinnston Lions Club
Jeffrey Chenoweth	Tygart Valley Lions Club

In Memory

Rita Grozinger	Inwood Bunker Hill Lions Club (President)
Howard Collins	Inwood Bunker Hill Lions Club



LIONS BUSY HONORING MEMBERS



Kingwood Lions Club members Robert Sypolt and Joe Smith ring bells to raise money for Salvation Army. Volunteers from the Kingwood Lions Club rang the Salvation Army bells on Dec. 11 at the entrance of Kingwood Foodland.

According to Angela Marrara, president of the club, this was an opportunity to become active in a project that helps the Salvation Army. Members who volunteered were Linda Huggins, Mac McCrum, Earl Snyder, Lawson Schooley, Bud Hawkins, Bill Harvey, Gary Livengood, Dave Milne, Joe Smith and Bob Sypolt.

The Kingwood Lions meet at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, at Becky's Cafe. Info: Robert Sypolt at 304-329-3826.

IN OTHER LIONS NEWS



Ed Bernatowicz of Kingwood has been named a Melvin Jones Fellow by Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF), in recognition of his commitment to serving the world community. Named for the founder of Lions Club International, the fellowship is the foundation's highest honor, given in recognition of commitment to humanitarian service. Bernatowicz is a member of the Kingwood Lions Club. He recently received a plaque acknowledging his dedication to the foundation's humanitarian goals. As a Melvin Jones fellow, Bernatowicz becomes part of a growing network of individuals who are committed to improving the quality of life for people locally, and in communities around the world.



Lawson Schooley was recognized by members of the Kingwood Lions Club, where he has been a member for 36 years, with a special pin. He was awarded the West Virginia Sight Foundation's Leonard Jarrett Award in 2004. He was given recognition again for his continued service to those in need in the Kingwood community. The award is the highest honor bestowed on a Lions member who has served the sight of others. Lawson is a life member of the Permanent Endowment Trust Fund of the West Virginia Sight Foundation. The Kingwood Lions Club annual Christmas dinner was Dec. 8 at the Carriage House in Kingwood and was catered by J and Claudia Atkinson. Events at the dinner included the induction of S.O. Pratt into the club, presentation of the West Virginia Sight Foundations Leonard Jarrett Progressive award to Lawson Schooley, and presentation of the Lions Club International Foundation Melvin Jones award to Ed Bernatowicz. After dinner and dessert, there was a gift exchange, and Lions Club President Angela Marrara gave a personal dedication.

Lions members present were Angela and Joe Marrara, Joe and Patricia Smith, Ed and Pauline Bernatowicz, Lawson and Marlene Schooley, Gary and Theresa Livengood, Robert Sypolt and Carolyn Baumgardner, Bud and Shirley Hawkins, Mac McCrum, Joel Beane, Richard and Lou Graham, S.O. and Judy Pratt, Harry and Dee Hayes, Jay and Anita Craig, Karen Ovesney, P.J. and Jane Crogan, Bill Harvey, Jim Lobb, Craig Rotruck, Dave and Eloise Milne and grandson, George and Eileen Hartman and Linda and Randy Huggins.

WEEKLY ARTICLES ON DLIFE.COM

Howard "Rusty" Mall, Diabetic Chairman for District 29I, highly recommends an e-mail site called **dlife.com**. Sign up for weekly articles concerning: recipes, question and answers, tips, forum, etc.

Read about islet transplants: "In an experimental procedure called islet transplantation, islets are taken from a donor pancreas and transferred into another person. Once implanted, the beta cells in these islets begin to make and release insulin. Researchers hope that islet transplantation will help people with type 1 diabetes live without daily injections of insulin."

Is your Club or Zone interested in a program on Diabetes, please feel free to call Rusty at 304-838-2698 or howardmall@suddenlink.net

ZONE 10 ELIMINATION DINNER

Zone 10 Clubs of District 29 I will sponsor an Elimination Dinner Saturday, February 19, 2011 at the VFW Post 573, 430 W. Pike Street, Clarksburg.

Tickets are \$25.00 per person.
Social Hour is at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Drawing begins at 7:30 p.m.
\$25.00 for the 1st, 50th, 100th,
and 150th ticket drawn.

Tickets can be purchased from any Lion in Zone 10. Those clubs include: East Lewis, Jane Lew, Johnstown, Lost Creek, Mt. Clare and West Milford.

For more information call David Nicholson, 745-3176 or Linda Stalnaker, 269-1730.

Proceeds benefit WV Lions Sight Foundation.

MD BLIND SKI/RECREATION PROGRAM UPDATE

- The students from the West Virginia School for the Blind at Romney, WV are planning to go bowling at Moorefield, WV on Saturday, February 5. The blind students will also be skiing at Timberline at Canaan Valley on Tuesday, February 15.
- The deaf students from the Romney school will be going skiing on Thursday, February 24 at Timberline.
- All trips for the students will depend on the weather and road conditions on that particular day.

These activities are made possible through the generosity of the Lions clubs across the state thru their donations to the Ski/Recreation Program.

Barbara Fishel • MD Ski/Recreation Program Chairperson



New Shinnston Lions Danny and Sally Butler (front and center) were inducted by DG Cindy. Members of the Shinnston Lions Club are pictured with their new Lions.



Contest Chairperson Bob Allen and FVDG Dave Nicholson discuss heavy subjects at the Cabinet Meeting on January 15.



Immediate Past District Governor Rob Silvester was presented a plaque for his service as DG 2009-2010.



SVDG Barb Fishel and Quest Chair PCC Ed Weber enjoy some fun at the Cabinet Meeting.



*Wishing you Hearts of Joy
And Homes of Peace
Throughout the Coming Year!*

Lions Club International
District 29-L Conference

"Passion in the Jungle"

Friday and Saturday
March 11 and 12, 2011

Registration fee **\$45.00** per person

Fee includes Saturday Lunch and Saturday Banquet
Friday and Saturday Entertainment
(Saturday Banquet ONLY \$35.00 per person)

Contact **Ramada Inn**
20 Scott Avenue, Morgantown, WV
1-800-834-9766 for Room Reservations
Room Rates **\$72.00** plus tax per night

ROOMS RELEASED AFTER MARCH 2nd

Name(s)_____Spouse/Guest_____

Club Name_____ District_____ L I O N

Address_____

Phone_____ Amount Enclosed _____

Special Dietary Needs_____

Make Checks Payable to: D 29-L Conference

Mail to:
Lion Linda Baxter
108 Solar Drive
Morgantown, WV 26508-8658

Questions/Concerns:
304-594-3331 or
Lscarson@frontier.com

89TH ANNUAL WEST VIRGINIA LIONS STATE CONVENTION

LAKEVIEW GOLF RESORT & SPA
MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA
MAY 20, 21 & 22, 2011



REGISTRATION FEE: \$80.00 IF PAID BY MAY 1, 2011
LATE REGISTRATION: \$100.00 IF PAID AFTER MAY 2, 2011

**NEW MEMBERS AFTER JULY 1, 2010 WHO ARE FIRST TIMERS
TO STATE CONVENTION FEE IS \$40.00**

Fee includes: Friday dinner, Saturday lunch & dinner and Sunday lunch plus
Friday & Saturday night entertainment

\$ 35.00 SATURDAY BANQUET ONLY BY MAY 1, 2011
\$10.00 Sunday only registration – does not include breakfast

\$14.00 Sunday District Breakfast – Contact your District Governor or
Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer for more information

CONTACT LAKEVIEW GOLF RESORT & SPA
FOR RESEVATIONS.
MAKE SURE YOU TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE LIONS.

\$95.00 + tax ROOM RATE
1-800-624-8300

ROOMS WILL BE RELEASED APRIL 23, 2011

Name _____ Spouse _____

Club Name _____ District _____ L I O N

Address _____

Phone _____ Amount Enclosed _____ First Timer _____

Special dietary needs _____

**Make checks payable to: MD 29 State Convention
Mail to: PCC Trish Glennon
74 Brickmason Drive
Inwood, WV 25428**

BITS AND PIECES

• Do you know a blind individual who would be interested in a Dog Guide? Lion Neelam Worth, District Chairperson for the Leader Dog and Pilot Dog programs, is seeking names. Please contact her at 304-269-7039.



• Immediate Past District Governor Rob Silvester has announced that six 29-I clubs earned Excellence Awards for the 2009-2010 Lions Year: Clarksburg, Romney, Tennerton, West Milford, Wardensville and Wilsonburg. He will contact each club to present the award. Congratulations to all!



• To schedule the portable eye screening equipment, contact PCC Gary Van Horn at 304-258-3261 or email him at gvanhorn3@frontier.com. To schedule a Mobile Eye Screening unit, contact PDG Billie Nichols at 304-624-4811 or email him at billieg4@aol.com. (The MESU units are not scheduled to be in 29-I during the rest of the year; however, it is still possible to request the units if not being used elsewhere.)

Successful Club Dynamics

Here are some interesting tips on club success

(by PCC Esther LaMothe, MD-11)

1. Successful clubs have agendas, scheduled programs, a tailtwister who encourages fun and camaraderie.
2. Successful clubs have open lines of communication. They set goals, have active committees, a club newsletter, promote themselves in the community and among its members.
3. Successful clubs are seen in the community, busy with projects.
4. Successful clubs set a goal of ending the year with more members than it started with.
5. Successful clubs hold an annual club planning session. (Review where you have been and where you want to go.)
6. When it comes time to elect new officers, encourage members to accept a leadership role.

On the other side, here are some red flags that your club may be in trouble:

1. Lack of initiative, unity and members are indifferent
2. Poor membership/retention growth
3. Lack of community service projects
4. No orientation program
5. Lack of involvement in Lions activities on all levels
6. Delinquent in paying dues or other club accounts

INWOOD-BUNKER HILL LIONS CLUB

presents their annual

SPRING

Dinner/Dance & Silent Auction

Saturday - March 26, 2011

6:00 p.m. Cocktails

7:00 p.m. Dinner

8:00 - 11:00 p.m. Dance

Heritage Hall, Bunker Hill, WV

Contact Lion Cindi Trenary (304) 229-2939,

or Lion Trish Glennon (304) 229-7949

or any other Lions Club member for tickets.

Cost is \$30 per person or \$200 table of 8

Proceeds from this event benefit Musselman High School student scholarships.

District Governor Cindy Glass

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Bridgeport, WV 26330



What you can find this month...

District Governor's Message

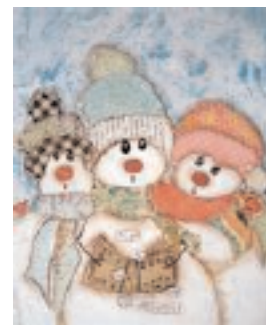
2nd Thoughts from SVDG Barb

Calendar of Events

89th Annual WV Lions State Convention

Photo Gallery

...and More!



**Almost time to say goodbye...
Spring is coming, my oh my!**