

# International Association of Lions Clubs



## WEST VIRGINIA LIONS DISTRICT 29-I

**District Governor David Nicholson**  
**Volume 1 #7 January 2012**



I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and has plans for a prosperous New Year. The last six months have been busy, however, the schedule for December was light compared to the previous three months with only four official visits. Romney, Bruceton Mills, Valley District and Jane Lew. To date official visits have been made to forty five clubs. Lion Janice and I appreciate the hospitality extended to us and we enjoyed our visit with each of these clubs. Five clubs have not scheduled DG visits. I would appreciate it if those clubs would schedule a visit in the near future.

Lion Janice and I attended the Charter night for the Musselman Middle Leo Club on December 20, 2011 at the South Berkeley Baptist Church in Inwood. The support from the Inwood-Bunker Hill club, the school and community was great. The enthusiasm of this new club is great and under the guidance of PCC Trish Glennon I am sure this Leo club will be successful. Great job PCC Trish!

January starts the second half of the Lion's year. This is the time that we as Lions need to sit down and think about our accomplishments over the last six months and establish goals for the next six months. We need to think about ways we can make ourselves stronger and more meaningful to our members and our communities. Survey our members to see that they want to happen. Develop a plan and take the actions needed to achieve the goals.

January starts out with the Council of Governor's meeting at the Ramada Inn in Morgantown on January 7, 2012, the site of the State Convention on May 4-6, 2012. The third cabinet meeting will be held January 14, 2012 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Christ Church United Methodist at 1539 West Pike Street, Clarksburg. Zone chairs need to contact their respective clubs regarding their participation in the tree planting project and the number of trees each club wants to plant. The trees need to be ordered in January so the total number needed for each zone can be reported to Lion Paul Hamrick at the cabinet meeting.

The 16th annual Leadership school will be held at Lakeview Resort and Conference Center in Morgantown, WV on January 27-29, 2012. Every club should plan to send a representative to the school especially the officers for the incoming year. Leadership is very important in the future existence of our Lions clubs.

Four scholarships for first time attendees of the Leadership school have been approved as follows: Lions Daisy Oleas, Inwood-Bunker Hill Lions Club; Lion Kermit Hawley, Valley District Lions Club; Linda Huggins, Kingwood Lions Club and Lisa Cvecko, Jane Lew Lions Club.

Hope to see you at the Leadership School.

Don't forget it's time to establish nomination committees and think about officers for the next Lion year.

*DG Dave*

## **FIRST THOUGHTS FROM FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR BARBARA FISHEL**



Christmas is over and I hope that all of you had a joyous and blessed holiday. At Christmastime we all need to be thankful for our blessings. This includes our Lions members and our clubs. We are blessed to have such wonderful, caring Lions who give so freely of themselves not only during the holidays, but all year long. In reading the Activity Reports from the clubs, I am amazed at the activities that Lions provide for others that need our services and support. Thank you for your gifts to others that you give so unselfishly.

I also want to wish you happiness and prosperity in the New Year. This is a good time to reflect on how well our clubs have performed during this past year. Are we satisfied with what we have accomplished? Could we have done things differently? As the New Year begins, let's make a resolution to make our clubs bigger and better. We can all strive to recruit new members. I am hearing reports that several clubs have held successful recruitment nights. I have been asked by a nearby club to induct possibly up to nine new Lions! Can you imagine? For some of our small clubs, that would nearly double their current membership. What better way to start out the New Year than to increase our club's membership.

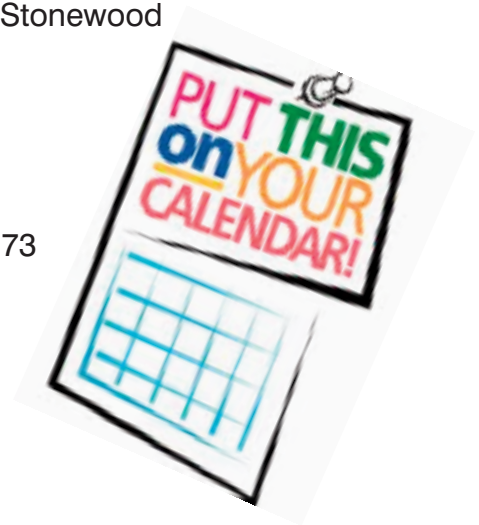
Some of us may be hesitant about dreary old January coming up. Let's look at it in a more positive note – Leadership School is just around the corner. The weekend of January 27 – 29, 2012 promises to be another great learning experience for all Lions, not to mention another wonderful opportunity to fellowship with our fellow Lions. Make plans now to register for Leadership School and make your reservations for your room at the Lakeview Resort and Conference Center at Morgantown, WV. I hope you will consider attending Leadership School. A lot of hard work goes into this effort to help mold us into the role of being a successful Lion.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

Yours in Lionism, Barb

## 2012 CALENDAR

- January 1            Welcome a New Year 2012
- January 7            Council of Governor's Meeting, Ramada Inn, Morgantown
- January 12           DG Visit to Salem. Cottage Corner Restaurant - 6:00 p.m.
- January 14           District 29 I Cabinet Meeting, Christ Church U.M.  
Adamston, 10:00 a.m.
- January 27 – 29      WVLLS, Lakeview Resort, Morgantown, WV
- February 14          DG Visit to Glen Elk Village & Elk District-Stonewood  
Lions – 6:00 p.m.
- February 15          DG Visit to Philippi Lions – 6:30 p.m.
- February 18          Zone 10 Elimination Dinner – VFW Post 573
- March 1              DG Visit to Adamston Lions Club –  
6:00 p.m.



DG Dave presenting Lion Linda Ott the President's Club excellence award for the year 2010-2011 at a recent meeting of the Clarksburg Lions Club.



DG Dave presenting Club President Excellence Award to Nancy Ware president of Junior Lions 2010-2011.

**EARLY REGISTRATION**  
**WEST VIRGINIA LIONS LEADERSHIP SCHOOL**  
**JANUARY 27-29, 2012**  
**LAKEVIEW RESORT**  
**MORGANTOWN, WEST VIRGINIA**

Early registration is now available for the 2012 West Virginia Lions Leadership School.  
Lakeview Resort Morgantown, WV

EARLY REGISTRATION FEE \$100.00 \* After December 14 price will increase to \$125.00

Lion \_\_\_\_\_ Lioness \_\_\_\_\_

Name for Name Tag

Lion \_\_\_\_\_ Lioness \_\_\_\_\_

Name for Name Tag

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ I am a first time attendee \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to the WV Lions Leadership School  
(Note: Credit Cards will not be used)

Mail completed Applications to:

PCC Paul Wheeler  
46 Ranger Lane  
Charleston, WV 25309

(H) 304-746-4415

Email: [Pwhee71827@aol.com](mailto:Pwhee71827@aol.com)

Call the Lakeview Resort for hotel reservations @ 1-800-624-8300  
Tell them you are with the Lions Group



**LCIF Update**  
By PCC Steve Glass  
District 29-I LCIF Coordinator

“One of the challenges of the fight against measles, and of immunization in general, is that you’ve got to keep at it. You’ve got to be relentless, because children who need to be protected are born every day. You don’t vaccinate once. You do it year after year. As long as you do, children are safe. But when you stop, children die” – William H. Gates, Sr.

Did You Know...

- Measles is one of the leading causes of preventable death among children
- 10% of all measles are fatal in the developing world
- 450 children still die from measles every day!
- Since 2001, the Measles Initiative has vaccinated more than one billion children worldwide, saving more than 5 million lives
- Nearly 30% of kids who contract measles suffer vision loss, hearing loss, or brain damage
- For less than \$1, a child can be protected against measles for life

This year, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is calling upon Lions to rise to a new challenge. The Gates Foundation has awarded Lions with a significant challenge grant of \$5 million – the single largest gift to LCIF in its history. One dollar of this grant will be used to match every two dollars raised by Lions to eliminate measles. Together, LCIF and the Gates Foundation hope to raise a total of \$15 million to help ensure that every child has the chance to live a healthy life.

I am asking every Lion to consider making an installment toward a Melvin Jones or a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship this year. Any gift that is made to meet the Gates Challenge to eliminate measles is MJF eligible. When making a gift please note on your check that it is for the Measles Initiative.

Here’s wishing you a Happy and Healthy New Year!

**CABINET MEETING**

District 29 I Cabinet will meet on Saturday, January 14, 2011 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Christ Church United Methodist located at 1539 West Pike Street, Clarksburg.

Lunch will be provided to cabinet members at no cost. Cost for guests will be \$5.00.

Cabinet members are asked to send their reports a week in advance to Secretary/Treasurer Becky Minor at [minorbecky@yahoo.com](mailto:minorbecky@yahoo.com) or by regular mail to Becky Minor, 1232 Norma Lane, Shinnston, WV 26431.

**CLUB DUES**

Cabinet Secretary Becky Minor will be issuing Dues Notices to each club during the first week in January. Please try to get the club dues paid promptly.

# EXTENSION INFORMATION

## *Rules of the Road*

By Steve Glass, District 29-I GMT Coordinator

To organize a new Lions club you will need

- 20 or more charter members
- A sponsoring club, zone, region, district cabinet, or district committee
- Completed charter application and report of charter members
- Your current district governor's signature on the charter application
- Appropriate fees and certification forms

New charter members who join before the charter celebration or 90 days following the charter approval date (whichever occurs first) pay a charter fee of US\$30 or must submit the proper certification form waiver. Members who transfer from another club into the chartering club pay a transfer charter fee of US\$20. Transfer charter members must be transferred in good standing from the former club to qualify for transfer member status.

Following is a table that provides Lions Club International's current charter fee rate structure:

<b>Member Type</b>	<b>Charter Fee</b>	<b>International Dues</b>	<b>Certification Required (LCI Form)</b>
Charter Member	US\$30	US\$39	-
Charter Transfer Member (Within one year of transfer)	US\$20	US\$39	-
Student (Between the age of legal majority and through age 30)	US\$0	US\$19.50	STU-5
Student Over Age 30 (In a campus club only)	US\$10	US\$39	STU-5
Family Member (excluding head of household)	US\$0	US\$19.50	TK-30
LEO Lion	US\$0	US\$19.50	LL-2
Young Adult (In a LEO Lions club only)	US\$0	US\$19.50	LL-2
Branch Conversion (Members of the branch only)	US\$0	US\$39	CB-21

Once the charter application is approved, the Membership Programs and New Clubs Marketing Department will forward new club supplies and charter member certificates to the first guiding Lion indicated on the charter application. The charter, a congratulatory letter from the international president, and a sponsor patch is sent to the district governor to be presented during the Charter Night celebration.

The date the charter application is approved will be the charter approval date. This date will appear on the club charter and on the official association records.

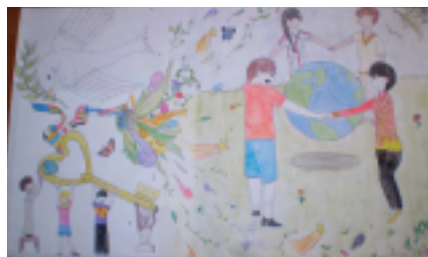
## PEACE POSTER

The Peace Poster contest in the District was a success again this year. Ten Lion's clubs sponsored entries this year as follows:

1. Arlington Glen Falls sponsored Daisy Gibbons an 11 year old 6th grade student from Mountaineer Middle School.
2. Berkeley Springs sponsored Ricki Mann an 11 year old 6th grade student from Warm Springs Middle School.
3. Elkins sponsored Peyton Shields an 11 year old 6th grade student from Elkins Middle School.
4. Fort Ashby sponsored Brenna Lowe a 12 years old, 6th grade student from Frankfort Middle school.
5. Inwood-Bunker Hill sponsored Abigail Glover a 13 year old 6th grade student from Musselman Middle school.
6. Keyser sponsored Allison Cirillo a 12 year old 6th grade student from Keyser Primary Middle school.
7. Mt. Storm sponsored Sophie Hall a 12 year old 6th grade student from Union Complex school.
8. Tennerton sponsored Morgan Rice a 13 year old 8th grade student from Buckhannon Upshur Middle School.
9. Wardensville sponsored Skye Metger an 11 year old 6th grade student from East Hardy Early Middle school.
10. West Milford sponsored Ashley Mills a 13 year old student from South Harrison Middle school.

Ashley Mills, (West Milford Lions ) and Morgan Rice (Tennerton Lions) won second and third place respectively in the District competition.

Abigail Glover from Mussleman Middle (Inwood Bunker Hill Lions) won the District and State Competition and will compete at the international level.



This note was sent as a thank you to the Junior Lions Club after they delivered fruit baskets at Christmas time.



The Hedgesville Lions Club had a Spirit night on December 8th from 5 to 8 p.m. at Chic-Fila in Martinsburg, WV. The event was set up to raise money for activities, but mostly to let the public know who we are and our purpose. There was a large crowd and most of the Lion members helped with the program.

December 11, 2011

The door bell rang and I got up to see  
 Who would be calling and thinking of me?  
 Junior Lions Club is what the man said,  
 How could they know fruit is what I like fed?  
 Thanks for your kindness, coming out in the cold  
 May someone help you when you get old.



Thank you,  
 Wanda Shinn Mitchell



On December 5th members of the Lions Club of Clarksburg presented 25 Boo Boo Bears to the Emergency Services Department of United Hospital Center. The Boo Boo Bears are hand-sewn small stuffed bears of assorted colors designed to comfort small children who have been injured, traumatized, or are otherwise ill. Project Chairperson Lion Debbie Davis stated, "We hope that by providing these bears to the UHC nurses to give to small children that we can bring comfort to a child who is ill or traumatized for whatever reason. We hope to continue this new project as long as there is a need."

Pictured during the presentation are l-r: 2nd VP Marge Mester, First VP Al Cox, Emergency Room nurse Brooke Swisher, Emergency Room nurse Christi Watson, President Clay Ott, Lion Roberta Freeman, and Lion Davis.



On November 26th members of the Lions Club of Clarksburg joined with Student Council members, parents, and administrative staff of St. Mary's Grade School to visit with residents of the WV Veterans Nursing Facility in Clarksburg. Residents were treated to a bingo party, Christmas carols sung by the students and staff, and each received a treat bag, snacks, and homemade Christmas cards prepared by the students. This joint project served to meet the community outreach mission of both the Clarksburg Lions Club and the St. Mary's Grade School. Shown in the accompanying photo enjoying a game of bingo are Clarksburg Lion members Charlie and Roberta Freeman.



Students at West Milford Grade School collected food for the Christmas baskets filled by the West Milford Lions Club during the Christmas holidays. Pictured with children are DG Dave and Lion President Terry Tallman.



Members of Adamston and Bridgeport Lions helping Lion Dr. Craig Liebig screen patients at Health Access on December 21. The DG is in background looking on. L-R: Billie Nichols, Pat Murphy, Paul Hamrick, Helen Thompson, DG Dave, Mickey Knight and Dr. Liebig.

## FORM 990 N (e – POSTCARD)

Under the Pension Protective Act of 2006, most small tax- exempt organizations whose gross receipts are normally \$25,000.00 or less must file Form 990 N, Electronic Notice (e – Postcard for Tax-Exempt Organizations not required to file Form 990 or 990 EZ). The first filings were due in 2008 for tax year ending on or after December 31, 2007.

The e-Postcard is due every year by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year which would be November 15 for Lions Clubs.

Failure to file the e-Postcard for three consecutive years will automatically lose the club its tax exempt status and the reinstatement of the tax exempt status cannot take place until the filing date of the third year. Late filing of the e-postcard will not be assessed, however, it is important that you file within the 3 year period.

The file must be filed electronically. There is no paper form. Information needed to file Form 990 N.

1. Organization legal name (which is Lions Clubs International)
2. Any other name organization uses ( club name)
3. Organization address
4. Organization website (if you have one)
5. Organization employer identification number (EIN) This is a 9 digit number
6. Name and address of principal officer
7. Organization tax year
8. Are your gross receipts normally \$25,000.00 or less

I urge all clubs to check to see if the Form 990 N e-postcard has been filed.

Additional information can be obtained from the Lions website:

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/resources/publications/resources-pub-legal.php>

I hope all club officers realize the importance of filing this form. If you cannot do this please ask for help from a member or someone who is computer literate who will help you.



## MUSSELMAN MIDDLE LEO CLUB FIRST CHARTER NIGHT

On December 20, 2011, a wonderful evening was had by all who attended the Certificate of Organization of Charter Night for the Musselman Middle Leo Club sponsored by the Inwood-Bunker Hill Lions Club. The Musselman Middle Leo Club is the first in the Eastern Panhandle, giving children ages 12 and up the opportunity to work with their school and community in service projects. The Inwood-Bunker Hill Lions Club was proud to host over 70 people for this fantastic event, including Leo Club members and their families plus guests from Martinsburg, Berkeley Springs and Fort Ashby Lions Clubs. Special guests included District Governor, Dave Nicholson from West Milford, PDG Eva Dague from Moundsville, current Leo Chair for the state, Lion Doug Long from Fort Ashby, current Leo Chair for the District, Mr. Holland, Principal for Musselman Middle School, Mrs. Hissom, Facility Advisor for the Leo Club and PCC Trish Glennon, Leo Advisor from the Inwood-Bunker Hill Lions Club .

Leo Club President Shyanne Mickley, received the Certificate of Organization from DG Dave. All of the Leo Club members received their Leo pin and certificate plus other mementos presented by DG Dave Nicholson, PDG Eva Dague, and PCC Trish Glennon. Certificate of Extension were presented to Mrs. Melissa Hissom, facility advisor and Lion Dan Lohr by Lion Doug Long. Lion President Randy Smallwood recognized everyone at the meeting and welcomed our special guest, Santa Clause, who passed out goodies to the children. After which he thanked everyone for coming and supporting the Inwood-Bunker Hill Lions Club and the Musselman Middle Leo Club.



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*Happy New Year!*