



Lions International
District 29-I
MARCH 2010

Inspiring Words from Your District Governor

Well it's March and, no, we do not have plans to fricassee French Creek Freddie here at the Wildlife Center. Our early spring is just around the corner, and our famous groundhog's prediction will hold true.

As the wintry weather keeps many of us in by our fireplaces, I have been wondering what I should say this is month to the Lions of 29-I. I had the pleasure to attend the Leadership School at Flatwoods and listen to PIP Jimmy Ross' seminar about club extension and bringing in new members. One of his most memorable comments was the idea that asking someone to be a Lion gave them the opportunity to serve and make a difference in someone's life.

Those comments were a true inspiration for me. I began to think about our Founder, Melvin Jones. Maybe he had more than just a vision. Maybe he had a divine inspiration that motivated him to start a service organization that's sole purpose is to serve the needs of the less fortunate and to make a difference in peoples lives. I believe

this because of my faith in God who commanded us to "love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:12-13). You see, I believe we have been commanded to ensure that the needs of others are met. That no one should go without help. I believe it is our sacred duty to help those less fortunate then us and membership in Lions International provides us that opportunity.

As a member you can serve the needs of individuals in your community and around the world. Sacrificing a little of your time, your skills and yes a few dollars, to bring hope to your community and to communities around the world is one of our greatest endeavors and is the true meaning of Lionism.

So the next time you are asked "what do I get out of being a Lion", tell them they have just been given the opportunity to change the world! A challenge that is necessary and pleasing to our Heavenly Father.

Yours in Lionism, DG Rob

Due to the weather and road conditions in the Canaan Valley area, DG Rob postponed the March cabinet meeting until April 17th beginning at 11am at the same place, Amelia's Restaurant.

First Vice District Governor**FVDG Cindy Glass**

First of all, I want to congratulate the clubs of Zone 10 who held another successful elimination dinner drawing on February 20. All the funds raised from this year's event are generously being donated to the Sight Foundation. There was a very big turnout, and everyone was having a great time for a great cause.

Second, I want to remind clubs to come up with a slate of officers to be elected in April. As soon as your new officers are elected, PLEASE complete Form PU-101. As soon as I receive a copy of that form, I can begin to put District I's portion of the Multiple District Directory together. That is a big job, and I will certainly appreciate your prompt reporting of that information to International and to me.

Third, if you want to create renewed enthusiasm among your members, you may want to consider using LCI's "Skills and Interests Form". By asking your current members, and especially new members, to fill out this form, it may help your club increase member involvement and satisfaction with the projects your club takes part in. This form is a tool to help your club determine talents, abilities, interests and resources of each member in your group. You can use LCI's form, or even adapt it to fit your club. It is available on the LCI website, by searching "Skills and Interests Form".

Hurry up and get here, Spring!

Second Vice District Governor**SVDG David R. Nicholson**

The last month and a half have shown the humanitarian services of LCIF. LCIF and Lions worldwide have responded after the earthquake struck the Caribbean nation of Haiti in January. Through the generosity of districts, multi-districts, clubs, and individuals, more than \$2,000,000 have been donated to help meet the needs of the Haitians. As early as January 22, water, food and medical supplies were distributed by the Haitian Lions and LEOs to a hospital and orphanage.

Lions worldwide are being asked to contribute to help rebuild the lives, families and communities impacted by the earthquake in Haiti.

In order to help contributors, Congress has passed and President Obama signed into law on January 22, 2010, an immediate tax deduction for Haiti charitable contributions. This legislation will allow taxpayers to receive the tax benefit from donations made to the Haiti effort in this tax season, rather than having to wait until they file their 2010 tax returns next year. Specifically, cash donations to charities for the Haitian relief effort given after January 11 and before March 1 of this year may be treated as if the contribution was made on December 31 of last year so that the contribution can be deducted from 2009 income.

This measure applies to monetary donations, not goods or services. If you contributed monetarily through special Haitian Relief solicitations or on your own through other means, this will benefit you. If you have any questions, please contact your tax advisor.

Zone 3 Meeting Saturday, March 27, at 3 pm at Shirley's Diner in Romney. RSVP to Zone Chair Carolyn Bowman 496-7586 or e-mail.

Zone 4 Meeting, April 5, at Trish's Restaurant at Parsons at 6pm hosted by Parsons Lions Club. Contact Zone Chair Barbara Fishel 693-7710 or email.

Zone 5 Meeting rescheduled to April 9. Dinner 6pm; Meeting 7pm. Contact Zone Chair George Smith 472-2787.



District 29-I Lions in Action

The Clubs of Zone 10 held their 6th Annual Zone Elimination Dinner on February 20 at the Clarksburg VFW. With 130 people attending and a fun time had by all, the clubs raised a total of \$4,650 for the West Virginia Sight Foundation. A presentation will be made in the near future.



The Charles Town Lions Club recently donated a total of \$2,100 to local organizations during their Annual Christmas Dinner on December 15. The true spirit of Christmas arrived when Lions President George Quinn presented \$300 checks to 7 organizations pre-selected by the club: Hospice of the Panhandle, Jefferson County Meals on Wheels, Fast Friends Greyhound Rescue, Eastern Panhandle Free Clinic, Jefferson County Boys & Girls Club, Willow Tree Manor, and Shenandoah Health Village Center. Representatives from each organization attended the event

“The current economical downfall that we are facing today makes it even more imperative to maintain our support of local organizations,” said Vice-President Tanya Adams. “Together, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of those in Jefferson County”.

PDG Glenn and Lion Lynn Ryburn inducted Lion Lynn’s brother and wife into the Wardensville Lions Club at the club’s special Valentines Day dinner. New Lions, Henry and Lori Krautwurst, recently moved from Montgomery County, MD, to Capon Springs. They’d been interested in becoming Lions, and moving near Wardensville, close to long-time friends and club sponsors, Lions Patty and Tom Austin, was a perfect fit. The Wardensville Club has been a strong supporter of the WVLSCF and the MESU for some time and is looking forward to additional help from Lions Henry and Lori.



The Philippi Lions Club recognized Lion Velma Allen as “Lion of the Decade” at their February meeting. Lion Velma joined the Lions Club on June 20, 1989, sponsored by her son Doug. During her membership, she has served several terms on the Board of Directors and on various committees. In 1998 Lion Velma was honored with the Leonard Jarrett award.

President Tina Mouser, who presented Lion Velma with a plaque and a certificate for lifetime membership in LCI, stated, “Lion Velma is always willing to do whatever is needed or asked of her. Over the years she has become famous for her peanut butter fudge, which has sold for as much as \$16 a pound at some of our fund raisers. Her positive attitude and beautiful smile is an inspiration to the rest of the members. We are all honored to be able to recognize her as Lion of the Decade.”

Several members of Lion Velma’s family have also been in the Philippi Lions Club: her husband Ralph, her son Doug and his wife Barbara Allen, her son David Allen and his companion Linda Coleman, and her granddaughter Amy Allen, who presented her with flowers from the club. Son James was a member of Lions Club International elsewhere.



ON THE LION'S TRAIL with Your District Governor

MARCH

1	Petersburg Lions Membership Drive/Dinner, Kaposy Great Room, Petersburg, 6:30 pm. Angela Propst, 257-4073 or 257-1444
4	Adamston Lions DG Visit, Adamston UM Church, 5:30 pm, PDG Billie Nichols 624-4811
8	Flemington Lions DG Visit, Flemington Community Building, 6 pm. Richard Zukowski 739-2531 or richzukowski@yahoo.com
13	CABINET MEETING DATE CHANGED TO APRIL 17
19	District 29 -L Conference, McClure House, Wheeling, Jamesis Beecroft 277-2238
22	Paw Paw Lions DG Visit, Paw Paw UM Church, 6:30 pm, Jennifer Moreland 947-7095
30	Tri State Social, Lovettesville Fire & Rescue Bldng, PDG Bill Blackford 724-1269

APRIL

15	Hedgesville & Pikeside Lions DG Visit, Hedgesville UM Church, 6:30pm, Arthur Sewell 304-267-3015
17	District 29 - I Cabinet Meeting, Amelia's Restaurant, Canaan Valley, 11am, PDG Tina Canon 783-5381
27	Petersburg & Moorefield Lions DG Visit, Location TBA, Sharon Bungard 538-7621 or Angela Propst, 257-4073 or 257-1444

MAY

22-23	West Virginia 88th State Lions Convention, District Breakfast-Elections, Snowshoe Mountain Resort, PDG Tina Canon 783-5381
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JUNE

6	District 29-I Awards Picnic, North Buckhannon Park Pavilion, Buckhannon, 2pm. George Smith 472-2787
28	Valley District Lions 60th Anniversary Dinner, Arthurdale Presbyterian Church, 6:30pm, Lydia Main 864-5711

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first year that we didn't get to run a photo of our favorite Santa, PDG Marshall, while he was helping Lions Clubs treat their communities' children to his truly jolly and believable Santa's lap.

It's not too late. If your club or community was lucky enough to have PDG Marshall visit your event, please send me a photo. If you have a photo and don't send it, shame on you for not sharing with us the smiles he puts on the faces of the young and old in your community. –Lion Mel



**Support
Your
District
Fund
Raisers**

CLARKSBURG LIONS CLUB ELIMINATION DINNER March 5, \$25. Tickets can be arranged via e-mail clarksburglions@gmail.com or through members. Only 200 tickets will be sold. The club has two posters from West Virginia University to be raffled off at the Elimination Dinner and the Charter Night Dinner. One poster is signed by the basketball team and the other from the football team. One ticket/\$1. Six tickets/\$5. Proceeds benefit the Club's Student Scholarship Program.

TYGART VALLEY LIONS/RICH MOUNTAIN BATTLEFIELD ANNUAL GUN RAFFLE Sat, March 6, Elkins Nat'l Guard Armory. 11:30 am. \$30 for Grilled

Pork & Beef plus 26 guns and four \$250 cash prizes Do not have to be present to win. Sold out last 2 years. Flyer on District website. Bill Logan 636-0144 or RMBF office 637-7424.

TENNERTON LIONS PANCAKE & SAUSAGE FEED Sat, March 6, Tennerton UM Church 6:30am - 2pm. ADULTS \$5; 6-12yrs \$3; under 6 FREE. From Buckhannon: Rts 4 & 20 south 2 miles; left at School traffic light; left onto Tallmansville Rd/Rt 9; 300' to church.

BUCKHANNON LIONS SPAGHETTI FEED Sat, March 13 & March 20 First UM Church, 52 South Florida Street, Buckhannon. 11am - 1pm and 4pm - 7pm. ADULTS \$8; Under 12 yrs \$5. Real Italian Bread served on 3/20! Parking is available behind church in lot on Meade St.



INWOOD-BUNKER HILL LIONS 10TH ANNUAL SPRING DINNER, DANCE AND SILENT AUCTION March 27 \$30/person or \$200/table of 8. Proceeds benefit Musselman High School scholarships. In the last 9 years the club has given more than \$10,000 in scholarships. Come and join the fun! Cindi Trenary 229-2939 or CC Trish Glennon 229-7949

PARSONS LIONS BREAKFAST Sat, March 27 Parsons Senior Center, 206 3RD St, All You can Eat Sausage Gravy & Biscuits French Toast Scrambled Eggs Home Fries Fruit Coffee & Juice. Keith Lipscomb 478-2795

NORTH VIEW AREA LIONS CLUB RAFFLE for an autographed WVU basketball & other WVU items in a basket. Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing **March 28. Contact club members or Jim or Laura Whaley 623-1987**

CLARKSBURG LIONS CHARTER NIGHT CELEBRATION, April 10, Clarksburg YWCA, 6pm \$12/person. Guest Speaker: PID Robert Browning; Special Entertainment: Robert C. Byrd Show Choir Contact PCC Steve Glass at 842-4132, 203-2988, scjglass@aol.com or clarksburglions@gmail.com by April 6. . For more info, visit www.clarksburglions.com.

JUNIOR LIONS CLUB 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Tues, April 13 Asbury UM Church, Belington, 6pm. \$12. Speaker: PCC Steve Glass. RSVP by April 6. PDG Marshall Reed 823-3485 or Dorothy Ware 823-1025.

2010 Peace Poster Contest - Chair Glenda Smith

It isn't too early to start thinking about 2010's Peace Poster and contacting the schools and groups involved. This will be the 23rd year. This year's theme is Visions of Peace.

The Peace Poster contest is open to students age eleven to thirteen. All entries must be in the hands of the District Governor by November 15, 2010. Lions Clubs need one kit to sponsor each school or youth group. One winner from each club is chosen to advance to the District level. The District then chooses one winner to advance to the Multiple (state) District and then one lucky winner will be chosen to move to the National level.

All entries are judged at all levels on originality, artistic merit and portrayal of theme. Peace Poster Kits for 2010 are available for \$9.95 until October 1, 2010, from club supplies sales department.

**Annual 2010 Lions Tri-State Social
(WV,MD,VA).
Tuesday, March 30
Harpers Ferry - Bolivar Lions Club, host club
Lovettsville Fire & Rescue Building,
Lovettsville, VA**
For reservations call PDG William B. Blackford,
Jr. 724-1269 or President Rusty Blackford, 582-
4054, by 3/26.

WV Past District Governors Association
The spring meeting of the WVPDGA will be held in conjunction with the Cabinet Recognition Luncheon at the West Virginia Lions State Convention on May 22nd at Snowshoe Resort. It will be a business meeting only. You must be registered for the state convention in order to attend the Luncheon. Election of officers for 2010-2011 will be held at

Fellow Past District Governors and Lions of West Virginia,

The Lesage Lions Club has been approved as the host club for the 3rd annual Past District Governors appreciation dinner, which will be held on Saturday evening, July 24, 6:00 p.m. at the Cox Landing United Church, located beside the Riviera Golf Course, just off Rt. 2, in Lesage, West Virginia. Exit I 64 at the 18 mile marker and follow the Big Ben Bowen highway three miles, turn right at the stop light and proceed approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to flashing caution light on Rt. 2, then turn left and the church is approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile on the left. (The church address is 5995 Big Seven Mile Road, Lesage, WV 25537).

We will be honoring this year's District Governors, Bernice Pitcock, Rob Silvester, Eddie Queen, Merlin Trickett and Council Chairperson, Trish Glennon. The dinner is not limited to Past District Governors therefore other Lions are invited as well.

Please complete the following registration and return it to: PID Larry Johnson 5702 13th Avenue, Vienna, WV 26105, by July 17. Make check payable to Past District Governors Association.

Name _____ Dinner @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

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Club _____

\$15.00 covers cost of the meal and other expenses of the event.

District Governor's Texas Christmas by DG Rob



The Minnie Mouse doll that Lion Carol McGhee gave to Mom for Abby.

Mom and I left on December 19, right after the big snow storm that covered everything with about 20+ inches of snow. We flew to Houston to visit my brother and his family, especially the little one Abigail Michelle (Mom's first Great Grand child). This was her second Christmas and we were looking forward to her reaction on Christmas Day. Just before we left, I had my visit with the Romney Club. They were giving away several prizes including a large Minnie Mouse doll. President Carol McGhee won Minnie but gave it to Mom for Abby.



Abby in PaPa's Army hat.

The weather was great and we had a great trip. We came back on January 2 and were greeted by below zero temperatures, but our hearts were warm because of the memories provided by our visit with Abby.

Tygart Valley Lions Club All Night Graduation Lock-in

Each year the Tygart Valley Lions Club sponsors and administers an All Night Graduation Lock-in for the senior class of Tygart's Valley High School. Fundraising has already begun. Students will wait tables for tips on various dates at both Pizza Hut in Elkins and Steer Steakhouse in Elkins. On Saturday, March 13 we will have an Elimination Dinner at the TVHS cafeteria. Lions will prepare fire-roasted pork loin for the event. On April 10, we will have a Cake Walk/Auction at George Ward Elementary School in Mill Creek. Cakes and auction items are welcomed donations. And we will have other fundraisers.

We also send out a letter of direct solicitation to local businesses. If any other Lions Clubs can donate, please send checks to our chairman: Lion Willy Saucerman, PO Box 24, Mill Creek, WV 26280. Checks should be made to Tygart Valley Lions Club.

About the program: On graduation night the kids will be housed at the Elkins YMCA until around 7:00 AM the next day. They will have a fun night that they will always remember. And it will be a night without exposure to drugs or alcohol. We will use the pool, have some Casino/Table Games, a DJ, "Human Games", tons of food and drink, various contests, Wallyball, a Belly Dancing class, a Tattoo Artist (tattoos only last a few days), special prizes and awards, a Grand Auction, and breakfast prepared and served by the men of Woodford Memorial United Methodist Church. No graduate who attends will leave without at least one prize. Grand Prize winners are chosen after breakfast.

Students who help with fundraisers can earn EXTRA chances on the Grand Prizes. Due to the success of this program, we usually have a 90% attendance rate. It is the biggest service project our Club performs each year. Other Lions may be interested in assisting as chaperones. It would be a great way to learn what YOUR Lions Club could do. We always need more female chaperones.

Your support is greatly appreciated. - Lion Bill Logan, Secretary Tygart Valley Lions Club

West Virginia Lions 2010 Leadership School– by PDG Glenn Ryburn, Leadership Chair

“To improve the leadership skills of Lions throughout the state of WV”

The 14th annual West Virginia Lions Leadership School (WVLLS) was held, January 29-31, at Days Hotel and Conference Center, Flatwoods,. “By improving the leadership skills of Lions, our clubs will become stronger and membership will grow.” This I believed was accomplished. If you missed the 2010 WVLLS – I encourage to put the WVLLS-2011 on your calendar –same time (01/28-30/2011) - same location.

Those Lions and guest attending included a total of 171 attendees, 18 of whom were from out-of-state. West Virginia Lions and guests included from District: L – 56; I – 48; O – 18 and N – 31. Each seminar was very informative and presented with enthusiasm, audience participation and interest. The special guest speakers included:

PIP Jimmy M. Ross; LCI President 2006-2007

George Wunderlich; Executive Director of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine

Grant Stewart; President of Performance Matrix LLC, Morgantown, WV

There were 30 seminars presented (some presented twice); each attendee could select any six (6) seminars to attend. The most attended seminar was “Innovative Thinking” presented by George Wunderlich. For more on George Wunderlich, go to: www.youtube.com and search for – v=6hUiM3j23hQ. You will enjoy.

The 2nd and 3rd most attended seminars were “Diversity” presented by PDG Terry Goodman and “Marketing Lions and Your Club” by PCC Steve Glass, respectively.

I was the moderator for PCC Garland Burke, who presented, “Responsibilities of the Zone Chairperson”. This was very important seminar in which PCC Garland did an outstanding job in providing the information both during the seminar and as handout material. If current ZONE Chairpersons do not have the handout material, contact either me or PCC Burke.

The true highlight of the weekend was the Sunday lunch presentation by PID Bob Browning with the aid of PIP Jimmy Ross. PID Bob discussed his health and PIP Jimmy assisted him with suggested “cures”. My words cannot do justice to the presentation – so I won’t try.

Keep your schedule open for the USA/CANADA Leadership Forum. September 23-25, 2010. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. www.usacanadalionsforum.org . “Helping to developing your Leadership Skills for Lions & Life”

Ski Dates Announced -PDG Billie Nichols & Lion Frank McGhee

The ski dates for this year are: Blind School: March 4 (new date) Deaf School: March 10

This year the ski school instructor went to the Romney schools to teach 3 "ski and safety" classes during their Physical Education time. We expect then that there will be more kids willing to try out the ski slopes.

At 5pm each ski day, the Thomas Davis Lions sponsor a Pizza blast with soda, chips, and ice cream treats at the Cannon Fire Department. We invite all Lions to come over for a visit and attend the pizza party!

Lions Clubs International Cumulative and Club Summary Report

LCI is pleased to announce the posting of the official Lions Clubs International Cumulative and Club Summary Report on the Lions web site. During the first complete week of each month the previous month's report will appear on the LCI web site. The email version has been discontinued.

Instructions to access the Lions Clubs International Cumulative and Club Summary Report on the LCI web site:

From the main LCI web page, go to: Submit Reports

On the next page you will find: Lion Officers Login here

This will take you to a page where you will see: Membership Reports on the left hand side

When you open it, you will see: Cumulative Reports

On the next page you will find a listing of PDFs of recent cumulative reports. The most recent will be the last one listed.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Membership Operations Department if you require assistance or call 630-468-6734.

Please remember to send your Order Forms to PDG Tina for the District Breakfast at the State Convention. Come out and vote.

FISHEL ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Lion Barbara Fishel of the Mt. Storm Lions Club is announcing her candidacy for Second Vice District Governor for District 29 I.

Lion Barb joined the Mt. Storm Lions Club in October 1997. She has served her club in many elected positions. She has served as Treasurer twice, five years as Secretary, Vice President, twice as President, tail twister and Board of Directors.

She has also been active on the District Cabinet level. She has served as Ski Program Chairperson for three years. Barb was the Newsletter Editor under PDG John Vallelonga.

Along with her husband Jack, they served as Fall Conference Co-Chairmen under PDG John Vallelonga in October 2000 at Blackwater Falls State Park. Barb has also served as Zone 4 Chairperson for five years. She has attended eleven Fall Conferences and eleven State Conventions and two Leadership Schools.

Barb has been awarded the Melvin Jones and Leonard Jarrett plaques. Her club presented her with a Lion of the Year Award in 2005-06.

Barb recently retired as Postmaster of the Mt. Storm, WV Post Office. She retired on Jan. 1, 2010 with thirty-five years of Federal Service.

Barb and her husband Jack have lived in Mt. Storm since 1974. They attend the Locust Grove Church of the Brethren. They have one son, Chad, who is making a career in the United States Air Force. They are also the proud grandparents of a grandson Zane, and a granddaughter Jayda.

Barb is asking for your support in her candidacy as Second Vice District Governor. She is anxious and ready to serve the clubs in District 29 I and serving Lions and Lionism state and worldwide.



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Spring Forward
Sunday,
March 14

Have a Happy
Saint Patrick's
Day!

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