

International Association of Lions Clubs



WEST VIRGINIA LIONS DISTRICT 29-I

District Governor David Nicholson

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October is here and it seems like yesterday I was at the International Convention in Seattle, Washington. Several official visits were made to clubs in September (BUYAH, Fort Ashby, Parsons, Thomas-Davis, Kingwood, Rowlesburg, Tunnellton, Clarksburg, Nutter Fort, Charles Town, Arlington-Glen Falls, Shinnston and East Lewis). I thank all of you for your hospitality and for your service in your communities. There are several clubs who have not scheduled District Governor visits. I would appreciate you giving this some consideration and call me to set a date.

Lion Janice and I attended and worked the Dan Dague Memorial Car/Bike Show in Wheeling on September 18.

October will be a busy month with official club visits and District I's Convention. We are having a convention this year rather than a conference because PCC Steve Glass has declared his candidacy for International Director. Lions International Constitution and By Laws state that a candidate must be endorsed at a convention of his District.

The convention will start on Friday evening at the Bridgeport Conference Center with a "Get Acquainted Time" and music by DJ Lion Don Niles will cover the time span of the 50's through the present.

Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. will be the second cabinet meeting at which time cabinet reports will be given and attendees will be introduced to our guest from Lions International, Director Dr. Gary Anderson who will give a brief update about Lions International and possibly answer a few questions if time permits.

Don Hamilton will be playing music at the Saturday luncheon and following lunch at 1:00 p.m. the voting for the endorsement of PCC Steve Glass will take place. Voting will be done by secret ballot. Each club secretary will be getting delegate cards that have to be signed by the club secretary and validated at the convention by the Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer. After the election, two seminars are planned. One by the International Director Dr. Gary Anderson entitled "The Path of the Glasses" and one by Brad Ford entitled "Ten Things I Learned From My Dog".

A "Strides Walk" will be held at 4:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted from those who want to sponsor club members for the Walk, and the proceeds will be given to the District Diabetes account.

The Saturday evening banquet will feature our guest speaker ID Dr. Gary Anderson from Grand Rapids, Michigan. After the guest speaker there will be a Parade of Checks which gives clubs the chance to give back to their Lions favorite charities. A Parade of Checks form with instructions is included with this newsletter. Clubs not attending the convention are welcome to participate in the Parade by mailing their checks to Lion Becky Minor, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer. Musical entertainment will follow Parade of Checks.

Clubs are reminded to bring their club banner and stand, (Nothing is permitted to be attached to the walls), an inexpensive door prize (optional) and items for the silent auction. Clubs can make arrangements with PDG Cindy Glass to deliver the silent auction items to her. Everyone seemed to enjoy the auction last year and the proceeds help defray the cost of the convention.

DG Dave



FIRST THOUGHTS FROM FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR BARBARA FISHEL

Have you noticed lately that the leaves are starting to turn their beautiful fall colors? Yes, it is that time of year again. Another season is upon us. The days are getting a little shorter and the evenings a little longer. The temperatures are letting us know that Fall is here. Even the full moon the last couple of nights has had that yellow look to it that we refer to as a "harvest moon". I love this time of year even if I do know that "old man winter" will follow soon.

With fall upon us, our thoughts also turn to another excellent learning opportunity that is right around the corner - our District 29 - I Fall Conference. This year our Fall Conference will be called our "Fall Convention". At this convention, we will have the ability to make history in our great state by endorsing an International Director from our District.

There will be lots of activities to capture our interests at Fall Convention. We will get to learn how our district is operating during the reports at the Cabinet Meeting on Saturday morning. There will also be two training seminars on Saturday afternoon. One of those seminars will be given by our main convention speaker, ID Dr. Gary Anderson from Michigan. Another favorite of the convention will be the "Silent Auction". You will be able to place bids on items that individuals and clubs have donated. This would be a good time to donate something from your club that is unique to either your club or your community. Also, don't forget those door prizes that everyone looks so forward to after the banquet on Saturday evening.

Last but not least, don't forget about our "Parade of Checks". This is the time to make your club shine when it comes to donating to your club's favorite Lions programs within our district.

Now you can see why I get so excited about fall! There is so much to learn by attending our convention this year. Make your reservations and send in your registration NOW! We look forward to seeing you at FALL CONVENTION.

Yours in Lionism, FVDG Barb Fishel

LCIF ON PARADE

BY PCC STEVE GLASS, DISTRICT 29-I LCIF COORDINATOR

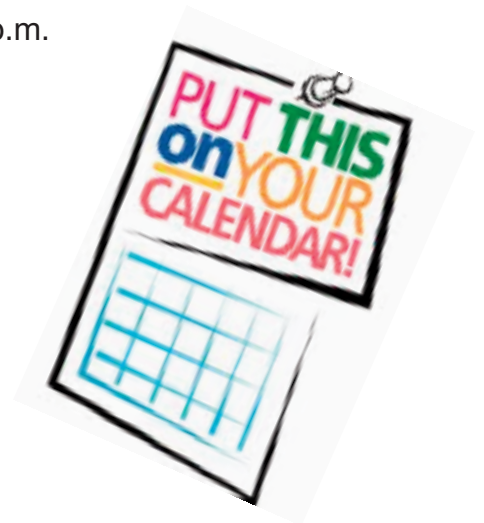
On Saturday evening during District 29-I's Fall Convention, the District will again observe its traditional "Parade of Checks." This tradition started many years ago and provides clubs an opportunity to donate checks to their favorite Lions programs and service activities. I am encouraging all clubs to donate to LCIF during the parade. LCIF continues to remain a strong partner and service provider to West Virginia.

As your district coordinator, I have access to several reports, which can provide you statistics and details about your club's donation history, number of Melvin Jones Fellowships named, and monies on hand at LCIF toward a MJF. Several district clubs are well on their way to naming another MJF. To find out how much your club has on deposit, you may call or email me any time (scjglass@aol.com or 304-203-2988.)

Several clubs have Beef Raffle tickets outstanding, so please try to get those sold as soon as possible, and get the tickets and money returned to me. Remember, the drawing will be held on Sunday, November 6th at Pipe Stem. All proceeds from this raffle will benefit LCIF. If your club decides to purchase the 100 tickets in your club name, please send me a check payable to LCIF for \$100.00 and I will send the check to LCIF to insure that your club gets the money credited toward a MJF. Also, please send me the ticket stubs with your club name on each.

CALENDAR

- October 1 VIP Fishing Tournament – Stonewall Resort
- October 6 DG Visit to Mountain LC, Ambog United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.
- October 10 DG Visit to Franklin & Sugar Grove LC - Franklin Fireside Café, 6:00 p.m.
- October 11 DG Visit to Moorefield & Petersburg Lions Clubs, Moorefield
- October 12 DG Visit to Harper's Ferry/Bolivar LC – Anvil Restaurant, Harpers Ferry – 6:30 p.m.
- October 17 DG Visit to Kesling Mills, Hodgesville, Buckhannon LC, Kesling Mills Community Center - 6:30 p.m.
- October 18 DG Visit to Inwood Bunker Hill LC, South Berkeley Baptist Church 6:30 p.m.
- October 21-22 District 29 I Convention, Bridgeport Conference Center
- October 24 DG Visit to West Milford Lions Club – 6:30 p.m.
- October 25 DG Visit to Junior Lions Club – 6:30 p.m.
- November 3 DG Visit to Bridgeport LC, Benedum Civic Center - 6:30 p.m.
- November 4-5 District N Conference, Pipestem State Park
- November 6 Second Council of Governor's Meeting, Pipestem State Park
- November 9 DG Visit Lost Creek, Johnstown, Mt. Clare LC - 7:00 p.m.
- November 14 DG Visit to Elkins, Roaring Creek and Tygarts Valley Lions Clubs, Beverly United Methodist Church - 6:00 p.m.
- November 22 DG Visit to Martinsburg Lions Club - 6:30 p.m.
- December 1 DG Visit to Romney Lions Club
- December 13 DG Visit to Jane Lew Lions Club



IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO REGISTER FOR

THE 29-I FALL CONVENTION

Do yourself and your club a favor - come to the Fall District Convention.

“WORKING TOGETHER” good things will happen in 29-I

Bridgeport Conference Center

Friday, October 21 through Saturday, October 22, 2011

Registration Fee still only \$45.00

Includes:

Friday evening entertainment and festivities

Saturday lunch, seminars, the evening banquet with entertainment

(Saturday banquet only: \$25.00)

Deadline for Convention Registration is October 7th

Room Rates:

Wingate by Wyndham: \$89.00 plus tax (60 room reserved)

304-808-1000

Cut-off date for Lions reservations is October 1st.

Wingate is attached to the conference center.

Nearby: (about one city block)

Microtel Inn & Suites

304-808-2000

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District 29-I 2011 Fall Convention

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Club: _____ District: _____

First Time Attendee? _____ (yes or no)

Special Dietary Needs:

Make checks payable to District 29-I Fall Convention

Mail checks and reservation form to: Robert Allen

246 Ridgeway Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330-1152

**PARADE OF CHECKS
29-I CONVENTION
OCTOBER 21-22, 2011**

Please complete this form and turn into the Cabinet Secretary (at the registration desk) upon arrival before the Saturday Night Banquet (along with the individual checks made out to each program). Each club will be recognized at the banquet - the amounts donated will be acknowledged.

<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
WEST VIRGINIA LIONS SIGHT CONSERVATION FOUNDATION	_____
LCIF	_____
WVLSCF - PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND	_____
DIABETES	_____
LEADER DOG	_____
LOW VISION	_____
MD DEAF & BLIND RECREATION PROGRAM	_____
PILOT DOG	_____
QUEST	_____
ROMNEY STUDENT WORK PROGRAM	_____
VIP FISHING TOURNAMENT	_____
YOUTH EXCHANGE	_____
OTHER	_____
TOTAL	_____
LIONS CLUB _____	

If not attending the Convention, you can mail to: Rebecca A. Minor,
Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer, 1232 Norma Lane, Shinnston, WV 26431

PEACE POSTER CONTEST DEADLINE

Deadline for the Peace Poster to be submitted to District Governor Dave is November 1, 2011. Clubs participating in the contest need to notify the DG in advance of their participation so that plans can be made to judge the posters at the District level.

JUNIOR LIONS DG NIGHT

Junior Lions District Governor Night, October 25, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at Barb's Restaurant in Belington. Reservations are due by October 18, 2011 and can be made by calling PDG Marshall Reed at 304-823-1025. Cost of the dinner is \$16.00.

CLUB FUNDRAISERS

Lumberport Lions Club is having a Basket Bingo on October 9, 2011 2:00 p.m. Lumberport Fire Department. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00. Call Tom Exline at 304-584-4642. Proceeds benefit Sight Programs.

East Lewis Lions Club is sponsoring an Elimination Dinner on October 14, 2011 at the Senior Center in Weston, 5:30 p.m. Tickets available by calling 304-269-1730 or at the door. Proceeds benefit Lions Projects.

West Milford Lions Club is having a Ham and Bean Dinner on October 15, 2011 at the West Milford Community Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

SILENT AUCTION

Don't forget the Silent Auction at the 29-I Fall Convention!
Contact PDG Cindy Glass if you have an item to donate.
Telephone: 304-842-4132 or Email: scjglass@aol.com

IRS FILING

The purpose of this message is to remind all clubs that the IRS requires each club with annual gross receipts of \$25,000 or less file annually Form 990N also known as E-Postcard. The form is due the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of the tax year. The Lions clubs operate on a fiscal year dated July 1 through June 30. Form 990N must be filed by November 15, 2011. Any club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for 3 consecutive years automatically loses its tax exempt status. Information needed to file Form 990N is as follows:

1. Legal name and address
2. Website if one exists
3. Employer Identification Number (EIN)
4. Name and address of a principle officer
5. A statement confirming the organization's gross income of less than \$25,000

For more information go to www.irs.gov/eo.

GMT TALK
BY PCC STEVE GLASS, DISTRICT 29-I GMT COORDINATOR
THE RECRUITMENT WHEEL: A GREAT RESOURCE

Following is one example of a recruiting tool that you or your club can use to identify individuals in your community that you might consider for membership in your club:

1. Your spouse or significant other
2. Your son or daughter
3. Your father or mother
4. Brother-in-law or sister-in-law
5. Sibling
6. Family doctor
7. Dentist
8. Dental hygienist
9. Optometrist
10. Neighbor
11. Co-worker
12. Accountant
13. Bank Teller
14. Bank loan officer
15. School teacher
16. School principal
17. Coach
18. Minister
19. Nurse
20. Restaurant owner
21. Small business owner
22. Funeral director
23. Waitress
24. Physical therapist
25. Insurance agent
26. Plumber
27. Contractor
28. Sales representative
29. Beautician
30. Mechanic
31. Car salesperson
32. Carpenter
33. Insurance adjuster
34. Barber
35. Retail store manager
36. Lawyer
37. Coal miner
38. Health insurance representative
39. Body shop owner
40. Receptionist

RETENTION STRATEGIES THAT MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE

Members generally join our clubs for some or all of the following reasons: they want to serve and help others; they want to improve their communities; they want to develop their leadership potential; they see the opportunity for personal growth; or they want to be a part of an organization that values its members.

I want to provide you with some questions that each club leader should ask from time to time (a club reality check, if you will).

- Does your club warmly welcome new members?
- Does your club provide a meaningful orientation for new members?
- Does your club immediately involve new members in a service activity that interests them?
- Does your club take the time to determine what the new member's interests are?
- Do you know your members' interests and skills?
- Do you encourage members to voice their opinions?
- Do you provide opportunities for members to discuss their hobbies and interests and encourage them to do programs around these interests?
- Do you stress service activities involvement to new members?
- Do you encourage members to involve their young children in your club activities?

I hope that you can answer "yes" to all of the above.

WEST VIRGINIA LIONS 2012 LEADERSHIP SCHOOL
JANUARY 27-29, 2012
LAKEVIEW RESORT

The 2012 West Virginia Lions Leadership School will be held January 27-29, 2012 at the Lakeview resort in Morgantown West Virginia. The West Virginia Lions Leadership School will once again have outstanding speakers. The featured guest speakers always add to the enjoyment and learning opportunities of the school.

Oliver Luck, Athletic Director, West Virginia University successful at each of his previous career stops, Oliver Luck looks to continue that streak at West Virginia University. A former Mountaineer quarterback, Luck, appointed the University's 11th Director of Athletics by President James P. Clements on June 9, 2010, has already made strides in just one year in enhancing WVU's role as a player in the collegiate world.

Tara Brooks began working at Fairmont State University/Pierpont Community & Technical College as Director of Multicultural Affairs on January 3, 2011. She is also an Assistant Professor in the school of Education/Health and Human Performance. The dual appointment is something new to FSU/PC&TC and will allow Tara to address diversity issues across campus, disciplines, faculty/staff, and students.

Past International Director Joseph "Joe" Preston, of Dewey, Arizona, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the Association's 79th International Convention, held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, July 9-12, 1996. A member of the Bradshaw Mountain Lions Club, Past Director Preston has been a Lion since 1974.

West Virginia Lions Leadership School will be held January 27-29, 2012 at the Lakeview Resort. Reservations for room accommodations please call the Lakeview Resort @ 304.558.6279 and advise the clerk you are with the Lions Club. Please contact Lion PCC Paul Wheeler @ 304.746.4415 for registration information.

LEADER DOG/PILOT DOG PROGRAM

As the District I Chairman of the Leader Dog/Pilot Dog program I would like to offer to present information on Leader Dog to any club in the district that may have an interest in learning more about this wonderful program. I am still in the learning process as well and the more I learn the more interesting it becomes.

There are some true heroes out there that help to make life more complete for people without sight.

Call me to schedule a program.

You can reach me at 304-842-5625 or email: lott082550@aol.com

Lion Linda Ott



LIONS OCTOBER GROWTH MEMBERSHIP MONTH

John Pinkerman, MD 29 Global Membership Team Chair

Fellow Lions, I am asking each Lions Club in West Virginia to agree to a fall and spring round-up event. I would also like to suggest that we continue these dual roundups for a three year period. Our statewide membership has seen a drastic drop and it is crucial that we address this situation head on. . . I am also suggesting that each club prepare a form with, up to six places, for club members to give the names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of prospective new members to the club membership chairperson or club president. I would then ask each club to send these prospects a letter inviting them to a special membership recruiting meeting, whereby they will learn about Lions and how they may join our association. After each letter has been sent, each prospect should receive a call/email, personally inviting them to the special meeting. As MD 29 GMT Chairperson, I will forward you a power point program suitable for your new member recruitment efforts. Each district has a GMT chairperson who is ready and willing to help in our recruiting efforts.

New membership in our association is vital for the future of our Lions Clubs. October is and has been known as October Growth Membership Month. Membership is a year-round program and extra efforts are made during the month of October each year. Think of the October Growth Program as membership recruiting campaign within our major membership recruiting effort or another vehicle to increase our membership to offer more humanitarian services to our local and worldwide communities. Clubs participating in the October Growth program will be recognized in March with their name and number of members brought in on the LCI Web site. Club secretaries mailing in the MMR must report new members by October 20. Club secretaries using the WMMR must report new members by October 31.

I will be sending informational letters to each club president in West Virginia, asking them to commit to the three year recruitment plan with specific information as to ways to be successful. . . You may reach me at wvlions@comcast.net. "I Believe" is not just a theme, it MUST be a reality.





**MESU Schedule for 2011
(AS OF:--09/06/2011)**

MESU Unit: Special projects and multi-day events will be given priority -

To Schedule the MESU Contact:

**PDG Glenn Ryburn – E-mail: goryburn@gmail.com or Phone: (h) 304-258-8939 FAX: 304-258-6276 or
Lion Glenn Ryburn – 236 Spicy Cedar Lane – Berkeley Springs, WV 25411**

Scheduling the MESU requires local drivers who have completed the 2011 WV Lions DRIVERS QUESTIONNAIRE FORM -

SCHEDULE

MONTH	DATE	DIST.	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	POC
APRIL XXX	5-30	O	CHARLESTON	XXXXXXX	PDG QUEEN 304-415-5306
MAY	27-30	N	BLUEFIELD	MOUNTAIN FESTIVAL	Lion Bill Passan -304-324-8101 Lion Ben Donevant-304-325-7745 PCC Pete Johnson – 304-574-2836
JUNE	1-30 17-19	N N	District-29-N Mount Hope	VARIOUS Beckley Car Show (CANCELLED)	Lion Charlie Biggs – 304-469-4400 Mt. Hope Lions PCC Pete Johnson – 304-574-2836
JULY	4 15-16 16-27 28-31	O O-I I I	Oak Hill Mount Hope Fort Ashby Fort Ashby	Oak Hill Move MESU to Dist I ZONE Training Mineral County Fair	Lion Charlie Biggs 304-469-4400 PCC Dennis Keffer 304-255-3023 Lion Lou Miltenberger (H) 304-726-4864—(C) 301-697-8632
AUGUST	01-07 09-10 07-22 22-27 28-31	I O N I L	Fort Ashby Point Pleasant LEWISBURG CHARLES TOWN Morgantown	Mineral County Fair (CANCELLED) WV STATE FAIR Jefferson County Fair Transfer to Car Show	Lion Miltenberger -- PDG Eddie Queen-304-415-5306 Lion Charles Huber -740-446-4052 Lions Del Cohrs-304-799-3941 Sue/Bobby Via – 304-722-5273 CELL – 304-646-4671 Lion George Quinn-304-728-2044 Lion Nichelle Hosby-304-728-3284 PDG Jeff Baxter -304-296-2128
SEPTEMBER	1-6 18 08-19 30- Oct. 2	L L O O	WHEELING WHEELING Barboursville Lions Lesage Lions	CAR SHOW-CANCELLED CAR SHOW (????) FALLFEST Arts & Craft Show Huntington Civic Ctr.	PDG Paul Amrhein – 304-242-0911 NOT CONFIRMED --- Lion Charlie Buzzard -304-736-0310 PDG Kris Pinkerman-304-558-3940
OCTOBER	2 6-9 25-28	O O O	Lesage Lions Milton Lions Hometown Lions Club	Huntington Civic Center WV Pumpkin Festival Putnam County Schools	PDG Kris Pinkerman Lion Bill Kelley – 304-634-5857 PDG George Woodrum -304-586-3614
NOVEMBER	18-21	O	Charleston Civic Center	Kanawha County Arts & Crafts Show (NOT CONFIRMED)	PDG Queen –304-415-5306
DECEMBER	1-4	L	Fairmont	Christmas Parade (NOT CONFIRMED)	VDG Bob Moffett-- 304-363-7060



International Association of Lions Clubs
District 29-I

District Governor David Nicholson

**District 29-I Application for Use
of Stand Alone Eye Screening Equipment**



Sponsoring Club Name _____

Event Name _____

Club Event Chairperson Name:

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City, State _____

Zip _____ Phone: Home _____ Mobile _____

Date(s) of Use of Equipment _____

Event Start Time _____ End Time+ _____

Location or Address where the equipment will be used:

Equipment Operator* _____

**Operators must attend training session prior to use of equipment.*

By _____ Date _____

President/Chairperson

Sponsoring Club is responsible for cost of delivery of the equipment to the site, cost of returning equipment to designated depository, reporting number screened, number referred and total Lions volunteer hours for the event.

Return to: PCC Gary Van Horn, 29-I Coordinator Portable Equipment, 69 Fern Place

**Lane,
Berkeley Springs, WV 25411 or e-mail to gvanhorn3@frontier.com**

**District 29I Stand-Alone (Portable) Equipment Schedule for 2011
(As of 8/10/11)**

MONTH	DATE	LOCATION/CLUB	ACTIVITY
August	13	Clarksburg	Monticello Street Back-To-School
September	15/16	Thomas/Davis Lions Club	Elementary & Middle School Screening
October	8/9	Hedgesville Lions Club	Heritage Day
	15/16	Petersburg Lions Club	Health Fair

Clubs, cabinet members and individual Lions are encouraged to send news items and photos of their activities, to DG Dave at dnicholson1@cebridge.net by the 20th of the month for publication. Items not received by that date may go in the following month's publication. Thank you for your service and I look forward to working with you this year.

DG David R. Nicholson
Rt. 1 Box 171-D3
Lost Creek, WV 26385



What you can find this month...

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