

# International Association of Lions Clubs



## WEST VIRGINIA LIONS DISTRICT 29-I

**District Governor David Nicholson**  
**Volume 1 #5 November 2011**



If you were not there you missed a great weekend! Of course I am talking about the District 29-I Convention held on October 21-22 at the Bridgeport Conference Center. It was a pleasure to see old friends and meet new ones. The Convention got under way on Friday evening with a dance and music provided by Lion Don Niles. Saturday started with the cabinet meeting with 26 of the thirty members present to give reports. Don Hamilton, a local musician played music during the luncheon.

An election to endorse PCC Steve Glass for International Director was held immediately after lunch and of course Lion Steve won.

The two seminars held in the afternoon – “Ten Things I Learned From My Dog” by Bradley Ford and “Path of the Glasses” by I.D. Dr. Gary Anderson were very well attended and held the attention of those present.

A successful Diabetes “Strides Walk” was held at 4:00 p.m. The banquet on Saturday evening was followed by the keynote address given by I.D. Dr. Gary Anderson and special awards were presented by Dr. Anderson to Lion Janice Nicholson and Convention Chair Lion Bob Allen. A special award from PIP Sid Scruggs was presented to PDG Cindy Glass by District Governor David Nicholson. PDG Cindy Glass was presented the Richard H. Ruff award by PDG Eva Dague for obtaining the greatest overall net gain in membership during her year as District Governor.

Following dinner, entertainment by the Mountainaires Barbershop Chorus was great and enjoyed by all.

A successful Silent Auction was organized by PDG Cindy Glass and over \$1,500.00 was raised.

The Parade of Checks netted over \$53,000.00 donated by 44 clubs and one Lioness Club.

A total of 190 Lion members, LEO's and guests attended the Convention.

I would like to thank those that served on the convention committee and those who helped during the convention weekend. A special thanks to Bob Allen for serving as Convention Chair and to Ruth Allen for preparing the name tags, programs and hosting the committee meetings. Both of these individuals spent hours working to make the convention a success.

I also want to thank the sponsoring clubs which is the Lions Clubs of Clarksburg, Bridgeport, Johnstown, Jane Lew, Lost Creek, Shinnston and West Milford for their support and especially the following members: Lions Linda and Clay Ott, Patty and Nick Lambenedis, Cindy and Steve Glass, Al Cox, Drew and Caroline Tate, Nancy Aucremann, Craig Liebig, Louise Edgell, Dave, Becky and Kirsten Minor, Zane and Linda Stalnaker, Bill White, Beth Brady, Liz Vincent, Terry Tallman and wife Regina, Stumpy and Nancy Bice, Bill and Ruth Griffith and Janice Nicholson.

A special thanks goes to all the Lions who attended the Convention and contributed items for the Silent Auction and door prizes.

DG Dave

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



By the time you read this article, District I's Fall Convention will be over. I hope you took advantage of this opportunity to be with your fellow Lions to enjoy some fellowship with old friends and also to make some new, lasting friendships. Jack and I always look forward to seeing our Lion friends and we enjoy spending time with them. Some of our best memories are made at conferences and conventions. I hope more Lions start taking advantage of these functions to promote Lionism within our district and state.

If your club did not participate in the Parade of Checks after the banquet on Saturday evening, it is still not too late to contribute to the different programs that are promoted within the district and on the Multiple District level.

I attended District O's Fall Conference at Ripley on the weekend of Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. We had a great time and as I write this, I am looking forward to this upcoming weekend (Oct. 21 - 22) at District I's Convention at Bridgeport. One of my goals for next year is that every club in District I will send at least one member to conference and for every club in our district to be represented. Can you imagine every club participating in one of our district's most important functions? How humbling that would be for a District Governor to receive that kind of support!

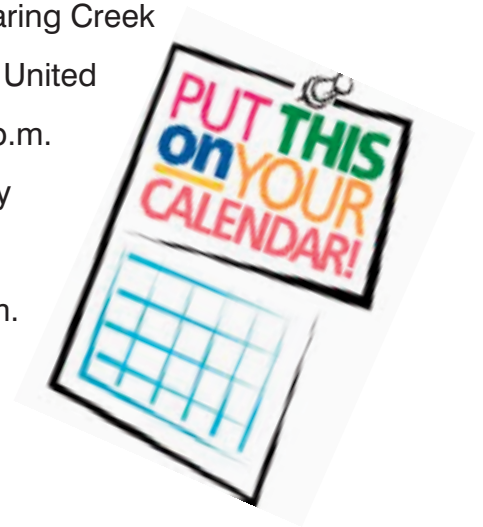
At District O's Conference, I had the opportunity to meet and talk with the speaker, PID Ronald Johnson from Maine. He encouraged me to start working with the Vice-Presidents of the clubs this year. Such important words of advice. These will be the Lions that will serve as Presidents of their clubs next year when I will serve as District Governor. At this time, I want to encourage these Vice-Presidents to start preparing for the challenge of a great year of working together for the cause of Lions worldwide. We can accomplish great things as we look towards the future of our clubs as we promote Lionism worldwide. This organization is great because of the diligent hard work of Lions everywhere.

Lastly, I want to challenge every club to bring in new members and to retain the Lions that we already have. Keep them busy and involved and make them feel wanted. We need them.

***Yours in Lionism, FVDG Barb Fishel***

# CALENDAR

- 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 7 DG Visit Short Gap & Paw Paw LC, Frankfort Senior Center,  
6:00 p.m.
- November 9 DG Visit Lost Creek, Johnstown, Mt. Clare LC, 7:00 p.m.
- November 14 DG Visit to Elkins LC, Elkins Lioness, Roaring Creek  
LC, and Tygart Valley LC - Beverly United  
Methodist Church, Beverly - 6:30 p.m.
- November 22 DG Visit to Martinsburg LC – Seventh Day  
Adventist Church - 6:30 p.m.
- December 1 DG Visit to Romney Lions Club - 6:30 p.m.
- December 8 DG Visit to Bruceton Mills LC, Sandy's  
Restaurant - 6:30 p.m.
- December 12 DG Visit to Valley District LC, American  
Legion – 6:30 p.m.



## 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](http://www.irs.gov/eo).

**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.** 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. For 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.

**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

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Name for Name Tag

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

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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



## USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

Lion Coy and I attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Anchorage last month. That was one fantastic training forum in Alaska. One of the first things I did was to take a look at the top 20 Peace Posters. The talent and insight of the children around the world is impossible to describe, but I had tears in my eyes realizing how much war, hatred and violence so many children have already experienced, and can certainly identify with their vision of a world at peace.



Berkeley Springs President  
Lion Clara Weston with Lion  
International Director Tam

I participated in an excellent workshop entitled “Families Serving Together.” It was presented by PID Debra Wasserman and the main focus was identifying family friendly clubs and projects that all different aged family members can participate in.

The next workshop was on “Protocol: It’s About Respect.” I hope that the handouts will help me on Governor’s Night or any other function where we have Lions Dignitaries present. However, having several Past District Governors in our Club, I’m sure I’ll have plenty of help.

Another workshop I attended was “Club Presidents: The Backbone of LCI Success,” prepared and presented by PID Lowell Bonds. Although Lion Lowell was a wonderful speaker with lots of wisdom to share, much in the form of poetry, shortly after he started his presentation, International President, Dr. Wing-Kun Tam came in. President Tam shared his experiences of being a club president at a young age of 30, and how he was nurtured by his club’s Charter President who was 94 years young at the time. He explained his belief that club presidents make LCI the wonderful organization that it is, and how we are to treat all club members as our family and nurture all members, especially new ones as we have promised to nurture the new trees we are planting around the world. He wishes to meet as many club presidents as possible throughout his year of being the International President, and has already met with over 2,000 of us. I had the opportunity to tell him that during the Forum, my club was planting 200 trees in cooperation with the Forestry Service and the Watershed Project. He explained that the tree planting project world-wide was more of a success than even he had every hoped, but he will not raise the goal, just will (and he does almost every day) monitor to see how far we will exceed his original goal of one million trees.

I attended a wonderful program prepared and presented by LEOs of Alaska and Puerto Rico. Since our Leo Club just started I wanted to see and hear what other Leos are doing. The other seminars I attended I’ll tell you about at some other time, as I wish to keep this newsletter within reason. In all 12 Lions from West Virginia attended. Total attendance at the forum was over 1,600 Lions, Lionesses, Leos and Guests. The 2012 Forum will be in Tampa Bay, FL, followed by Overland Parks, KS; San Juan, Puerto Rico and Grand Rapids, MI in 2015. This is a wonderful training program for all Lions, so if at all possible, plan to attend one in the years to come.

After the forum we also did some sightseeing that was also a wonderful, once-in-a-lifetime experience for me. Among the many things we saw and experienced, we had the opportunity to visit the kennels of 4 time Iditarod winner Martin Buser, who has about 100 dogs and has raced and finished 28 times since 1980. He was also a keynote speaker at one of the luncheons. I got to cuddle one of the 3-week old pups.

**Lion Clara Weston**  
**President, Berkeley Springs Lions Club**

# TEN PRACTICAL RETENTION STRATEGIES FOR CLUB PRESIDENTS

GMT Chairperson PCC Steve Glass

1. As soon as possible after a new member submits the application and pays the initiation fee and pro rata dues, arrange for a meaningful induction ceremony. Invite the spouse (if she/he is not already a member) and other family members to the induction.
2. After the induction, make a personal call to the new member within two days to welcome her/him to the club and express your genuine gratitude that she/he is a member.
3. Immediately assign the new member a mentor (may or may not be the sponsor).
4. Seek out the new member's interests, passions, and hobbies and give her/him some service activity to perform immediately around that interest or passion.
5. Encourage the new member to invite others to become members.
6. Talk to the new member about some project or issue going on in the club and seek the new member's opinion about it.
7. Constantly emphasize the service projects going on in your club, no matter how small or large, and find some way to involve the new member.
8. Seek the new member's feedback about how satisfied she/he is with their experience within the first two months after they become a member.
9. Try to get the new member to visit another club's service activity or meeting with you and the mentor as soon as possible.
10. Provide orientation immediately to the new member, whether it is one-on-one or in more formal settings – orientation should be a journey without an end.

## LCIF ON PARADE

As your district LCIF Coordinator, I was humbled by the generosity of the thirty seven clubs that collectively donated \$12,190.00 to LCIF during the District "Parade of Checks." Those funds will be used to alleviate suffering and restore sight around the world. To date, District 29-I has donated \$14,452.00 toward our goal of \$22,000.00. Thank you, Lions of 29-I.

Several clubs also gave me Beef Raffle tickets and money that will also go to LCIF and the West Virginia Lions Charitable Foundation, then ultimately to LCIF. If your club has beef raffle tickets sold, please send me the money and ticket stubs as soon as you can. If you have not sold them yet, please try to sell them or return them to me. Remember, the drawing for the beef will be on Sunday, November 6th at Pipestem.

Again this year, I have LCIF Contributing Member pins available for 2011-2012. For an individual donation of \$20.00, you can become a Contributing Member and receive your pin directly from me. If you would like to make a donation this year, please send me a check payable to "LCIF" or see me in person, and I will provide you the pin.

Again, thank you for your continued support of LCIF.

**PCC Steve Glass**

**District 29-I Coordinator**

## LIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

Calling on all Shutterbugs in District 29-I to submit an original (black and white or color) photo for the 2011-2012 Lions Environmental Photo contest.

Our District can submit one Wild and Wonderful photo to the Multiple District and the Multiple District will submit one winning photo to the International Contest.

Multiple District winners will be displayed at the annual Lions International Convention and convention attendees will vote for their favorite in the five categories:

### **Animal Life, Landscape, Plants, Weather and Trees**

Photos must not include people.

Each Lions Club in 29-I can submit one 8 x 10 photo (not one in all five categories) to the District Environmental chair NLT December 15th as our District winner (one) must be submitted to the Multiple District by January 15, 2012 and the Multiple District selects one winner to submit to International by the March 1st deadline.

Send your photos to:  
District 29-I Environmental Chair  
Lion Paul E. Hamrick  
Rt. 3, Box 352  
Clarksburg, WV 26301



## YOUTH LEADER DOG/PILOT DOG PROGRAM THANKS YOU

As Chairman of the Leader Dog/Pilot Dog program for District I, I would like to express my gratitude to the clubs from our district who were so generous to these worthwhile programs. I was amazed to see donations of over \$1500.00 for Pilot Dog and almost \$5000.00 for Leader Dog during the parade of checks at the convention. These programs are so essential in our work as Lions to help the visually impaired.

Thank you, Lion Linda Ott.





## Richard H. Ruff Memorial Award

At the District 29-I Fall Convention, PDG Eva Dague, President of the WV Past District Governor's Association, presented IPDG Cindy Glass the Richard H. Ruff Memorial Award for the largest district increase in membership during the 2010-2011 Lions Year.



## Buckwheat Cake and Sausage Dinner - Mountain Lions Club

The Mountain Lions Club, Aurora will have a Buckwheat Cake and Sausage Dinner on November 19 at the Maple Spring Church in Egdon. For more information, please call Jo-Ann at 304-735-5832.

## PETERSBURG LIONS CLUB - EYE SCREENING

The Petersburg Lions Club provided free eye screenings Friday October 14th at the Grant County Senior Center, and Saturday October 15th at the Grant County Health Fair.

We had a good turnout overall, and both places really appreciated our community service. This is our second year participating in both of these events.



I.D. Dr. Gary Anderson, wife Cheryl; DG Dave and Lion Janice at the District Convention at Bridgeport Conference Center



Members of the Berkeley Springs Lions Club parade "LEO the Lion" in the Morgan County Apple Butter Parade.

**Eleven members of the Berkeley Springs Lion and LEO clubs, with the Sleepy Creek Watershed, planted over 200 trees in the Morgan County Industrial Park. The tree planting is part of International Director Tam's request to plant ONE MILLION trees world wide.**



Lion Kim Mason, of the Berkeley Springs Lions Club, puts the finishing touch on a tree she just planted.



Kaylee Sherrard and Tori Wilson, members of the Berkeley Springs High School LEO Club, finish planting one of over 200 trees in the Morgan County Industrial Park.



**As the school year begins once again and parents are dancing with glee, it is time to make plans to attend the Annual Leadership School. This year's school will be held at Lakeview Resort in the beautiful downtown Burbank, excuse me, Morgantown, WV. The dates are January 27, 28 & 29, 2012. Early registration fee is \$100.00 per Lion. We have a slate of speakers that the committees are sure you will enjoy. To peak your interest the committee will unveil their names next month in the newsletter. We have to keep you reading your monthly newsletter. Have a great Lion year!**

## YOUTH CAMP AND EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Youth Exchange Program is a great opportunity for our Youth to experience a cultural exchange between participating Lions Clubs located in other countries. The youth learn about different cultures, customs, everyday life in another country, and serve as an ambassador. The Youth Camp and Exchange Program was introduced officially into the Lions International in 1961 and is part of our various Youth Programs offered by the Lions International. The Youth Programs only receive funding through individual Lions Clubs. The Multi-District Youth Exchange Committee's budget presently provides for two scholarships. Our only administrative cost is usually stamps, paper, and copies. Continued funding from individual Lions Clubs for this great opportunity for Our Youth would greatly be appreciated by those scholarship winners. Our Youth are our future leaders and Lions Members and we should support them when and where we can.

The Contest Deadline is November 15, 2011. The Entry Form and Rules explain everything in detail and we ask the students to pay attention to the Essay. This year the 1st place will receive \$2000 and the 2nd will receive \$1000; we will also award \$500 grants. The students cost is far greater than what the Multi-District Youth Exchange Committee can award and that is the purpose for the grants. The countries participating in the exchange will be Finland, Japan, Italy, and Australia. The students will be offered a four to six week cultural exchange during the summer of 2012.

The Lions of West Virginia rely heavily on the Guidance Counselors in each high school to get the word out about this cultural Travel Scholarship. I have been visiting many District 29-I Lions Clubs and putting newspaper articles in just four newspapers to help get the word out further. If any Lions Club would like to know about the history and purpose of the Youth Camp and Youth Exchange Program or would like copies of the Entry Form or Rules & Regulations please contact me at 304-924-5134 or [dutch1ruby2@aol.com](mailto:dutch1ruby2@aol.com). I also would like place more newspaper articles in more newspapers so please forward me your local newspapers phone or email. Sincerely Lion Sandra Phillips, District 29-I Youth Exchange Chairman.

## VIP'S EXPERIENCE FISHING

The 2nd Annual VIP (visually impaired person) Fishing Tournament was held on October 1, 2011, at Stonewall Jackson Resort. The WV Bass Federation did a fantastic job driving the boats and weighing the fish to make this an experience of a lifetime for the VIP's.

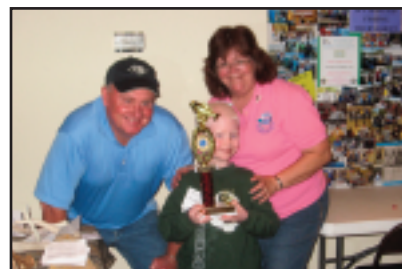


It was cold, windy and raining but that did not stop everyone from having a great time. At lunch time it started raining harder, everyone was asked if they wanted to go back out. All responded with a resounding YES!!!! They put on rain gear and continued.



The adult division was won by David Arbuthnot, sponsored by the West Milford Lions Club. He was not able to go to the International VIP Tournament in Nags Head, North Carolina. Our 2nd place winner, Eric Porterfield, sponsored by the Princeton Lions Club, went in his place.

Youth division winner was Alex Huddleston, age 7, and sponsored by the Montgomery Lions Club. He received a nice trophy for the 62 ozs. of fish he caught. Asked if he was coming back next year, he responded, "Yeah and I'm going to win!!"



We want to thank all the volunteers and sponsors from Clarksburg, Central Upshur, Elkins, East Lewis, Friendly, Ireland, Junior, Kesling Mill, Lewisburg, Marlinton, Mt. Storm, Montgomery, Pikeside, Pine Grove/Shortline Princeton, Romney, Tennerton, West Milford, White Sulphur Springs Lions Clubs.

Thank you again to the WV Bass Federation, to the Weston Shop & Save for lunch and water, Kentucky Fried Chicken in Weston for our banquet, Harrison County Emergency Squad, Stonewall Jackson Resort, and Mike Ferguson for trophies.



We hope to have an even bigger turnout next year on September 29, 2012. We would like to challenge all Lions Clubs throughout the state to scout your community. There are blind and visually impaired in every community; the rehab centers, the vet centers, the schools. Find a VIP and sponsor them for next year.

For more information, Contact Lion Trish Glennon 304-229-7949, e-mail [dixiedog52@gmail.com](mailto:dixiedog52@gmail.com) or Lions Frank and Carol McGhee 304-822-5097 or Lion Marshall Reed 304-823-3485, Lion Buck Ferguson 304-823-3246, or Connie Dorscheid 304-536-3572, or you can contact your local WV Lions Club.





“I want to express my sincere appreciation to all of you who came to the Fall Convention to represent your club and cast your vote for me as the District Candidate for International Director. I am very grateful for your support and the confidence you have placed in me. I assure you that if elected to this high office, I will do my very best to represent the Lions of 29-I, the Lions of West Virginia and the world. It was especially gratifying for Cindy and me to see so many of our long time friends who have served as mentors to us over the years.

This is the first step in the journey to the International Board. I hope to see many of you again in the coming weeks as we move toward endorsement at the Multiple District level. Let me thank you again and express our gratitude to you.

On a similar note but somewhat different vein, it was wonderful to see all of the clubs of 29-I as they stood proudly during the parade of checks. “We Serve” are words but you demonstrate the true meaning of our motto.

**PCC Steve Glass**

**Clubs, cabinet members and individual Lions are encouraged to send news items and photos of their activities, to DG Dave at [dnicholson1@cebridge.net](mailto: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  
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Lost Creek, WV 26385



**What you can find this month...**

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