

My Clubs, My Family, My Pride

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From the District Governor's Desk

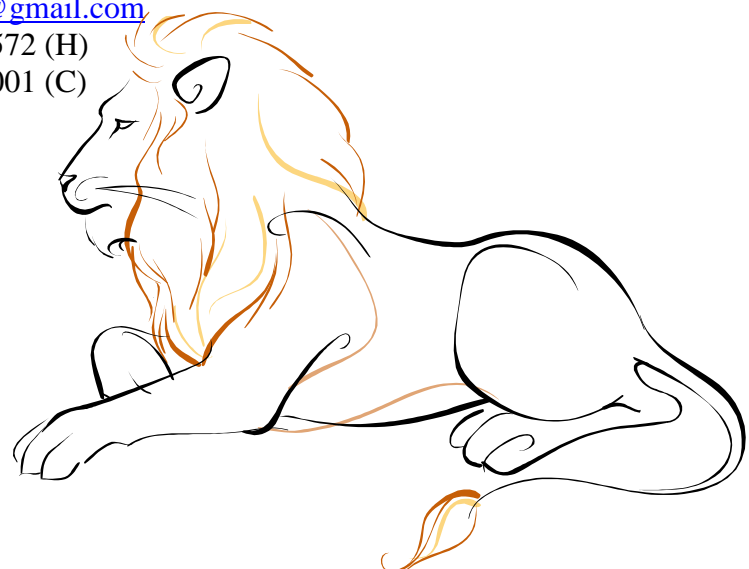
WOW! It can't be November. I'm having too much fun for time to be going this fast. My visits to the clubs have been great. I love the fellowship, food, and fun. I've enjoyed both O's Conference and I's Convention. I also went to Clay to help induct 18 new Leos. It's great to see the young take an interest in Lions. I hope they all become Lions one day. PDG Eva Dague who is MD Leo Chair drove to Clay from Moundsville to do the induction of the Leos at Clay. What a trip for her, literally! It was about 4hrs. one way. Thank you, PDG Eva. I hope all the clubs are using the membership information from PDG John Pinkerman. He reports that it works. Clubs in his area who have used the form have added members. Let's do the same in 29-N. I'll go to Durbin on November 8th to induct 2 new members. YEA! Now let's see if ALL the clubs can do the same. I wake up thinking Conference. I go to bed thinking Conference and all day long I think of something else I need to do to get ready. I think it's going to be great with lots of surprises. I hope to see many of you there. If I haven't met you, please introduce yourself. We're all FAMILY, after all. I really appreciate all the advice, help, and cooperation I'm getting. I certainly couldn't do this alone. Travel safely and have a wonderful Thanksgiving. If there's anything I can do to help you or questions I can answer, please let me know. See you at Pipestem!



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Rainelle's Hard Work



Rainelle's newly renovated Pavilion (more pictures and article to come in the December Newsletter!!!!

District I Convention



ID Gary Anderson, his wife Cheryl, WV DGs and spouses, and CC Kris Pinkerman at DG David Nicholson's Fall Convention.

VDG Linda's Desk

Hello Fellow Lions,

I do hope you enjoyed the Fall Conference at Pipestem. Time sure flies, it is not too early to start preparing for the Leadership School in January. The Vice District Governors got together for a three day training session in Marlinton. We had a very good time and it was a learning experience. VDG Donna and PDG John Pinkerman were gracious enough to reserve their family cabin for the training weekend.

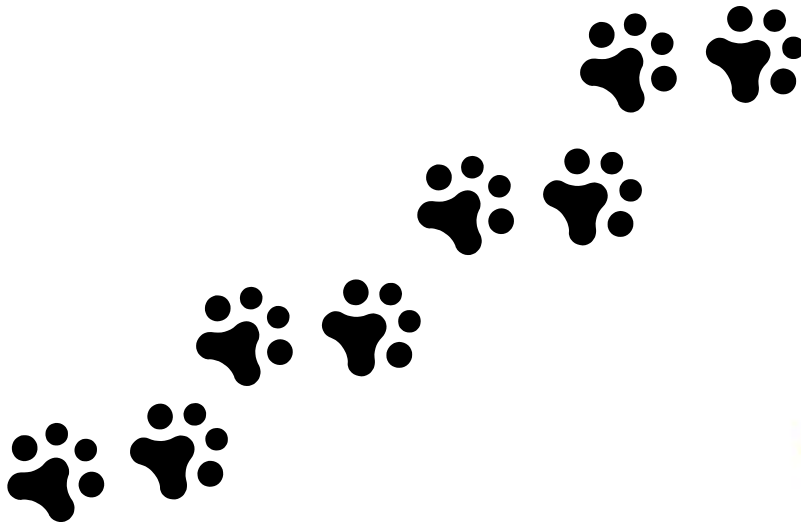
I had the opportunity to visit the Alum

Creek Lions Club 50th Anniversary. The Club held a very nice evening event to celebrate the occasion. I also visited the Shady Spring Lions Club, the club is busy preparing for their Christmas project.

As we prepare for our Thanksgiving Day let's be thankful for our blessings and remember those less fortunate than us in our prayers. Let's be vigilante in our communities and provide assistance to those in need during this holiday season.

Sincerely,

VDG Lion Linda Burke



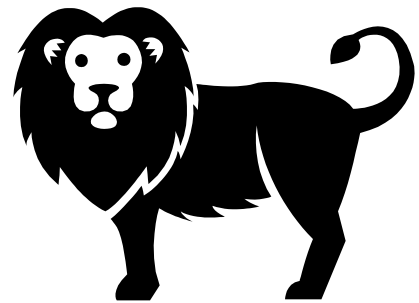
From the Desk of 2nd VDG Ed Via

My fellow Lions,

As of the date this was written I have had the privilege attending two district conferences and meeting many Lions from across the state. This has been informative as well as very enjoyable. Here in 29N, I visited the Rainelle Lions with my mother who was invited to present a talk on the Lions Youth Exchange program. I look forward to

visiting more clubs while traveling with the District Governor on some of her official visits. As president of the Union Club, we are planning for the Governor's visit to our club as we celebrate our annual Founder's Night on November 14. I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Lions of 29 N and across the multiple district.

Lion Ed Via



District O Conference



All the WV DGs and Council Chair



Above -WV Lions at USA/Canada Forum

Right – from left to right, DG Connie, IP Tam, and PCC Eva Dague in Anchorage, Alaska



Let's Go to... Alaska

Official Visits

Right - Lion Charlie Sheets with
DG Connie at Durbin's Official
Visit



Left – Lion
Danna Davis
and DG Connie
at Oak Hill's
Official Visit

Right – Lion
Jason Smith and
DG Connie at
Gauley Bridge's
Official Visit





Official Visits

(continued)

Left – Lion
Alan
Schoolcraft-
Williams and
PCC – Merlin
Trickett present
DG Connie a
tree to plant at
Rainelle’s
Official Visit

Right – Lion
Linda Johnson
presents DG
Connie a check
for the
WVLSCF at
Sutton’s
Official Visit



Right – Lion
President
Robert Carrico
and DG Connie
at Princeton’s
Official Visit

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.

West Virginia Lions Leadership School
Lakeview Resort
Morgantown, WV
EARLY REGISTRATION FEE \$100.00

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

Call the Lakeview Resort for hotel reservations. Tell them you are with the Lions Group 304.558.6279

District Governor's Contest and Rules 2011-2012

In an effort to streamline the contest this year we are emphasizing specific areas of Lions club life. We have selected **Service, Membership** (with emphasis on recruiting younger members), and **Participation**. Incoming Club Presidents are requested to select their Contest Reporter and pass along their names and addresses to Betsy Ross at P. O. Box 411 Pineville WV 24874 or e-mail brross311@yahoo.com.

The contest starts on **July 1, 2011**, and ends **April 30, 2012**. Awards will be presented at the State Convention Breakfast on Sunday Morning. Participation awards will be presented as well as First place in each category and Overall First Place.

All Clubs participate equally using the percentage basis for participation. Other winners are by number values per unit. An easy way to compute percentage of total membership is to use the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Number who attended}}{\text{Total number of members}} = \text{Equal Percentage}$$

A copy of the abbreviated contest form is attached. Please pass it along to your Contest Reporter. It should shorten the time that it takes to prepare a report. We encourage all clubs to participate in the contest this year. We will be nagging (read that gently persuading your participation) you for reports at the end of each month. **Together We Serve**

District Governor's Contest and Rules 2011 – 2012

Club Name _____ Reporter _____
 Number of Members _____ Date Completed _____

Service	Description	Values per
New Projects: (Please list)	(Be Specific)	10 x _____
Ongoing Projects: (Please list if worked on this month)	(Be Specific)	5 x _____
Use of Eye Screening Unit (Mobile or Portable) (Please circle which one)	(When and Where)	10 x _____
Purchase of Eyeglasses	Number Serviced During the Month	1 x _____
Purchase of Hearing Aids	Number Serviced During the Month	1 x _____
	Total Points for Report	

Membership	Values per
New Member(s) (list) (are they bonus babies – under 35)	Number + Bonus = _____ 1 x _____ + 2 x _____ = _____
New Family Member(s)	Number + Bonus = _____ 1 x _____ + 2 x _____ = _____
Did you have a membership chairman report this month?	Circle appropriate response Yes or No 5 0
Total Points for Report	

Participation	Percentage Attending
Conferences L I O N (circle appropriate)	
WV Lions Leadership School	
State Convention	

State Convention	
USA / Canada Forum	
International Convention	
Cabinet Meetings	
Council Meetings	
Zone Meetings	
Another Club (please specify)	
Average Percentage	

Instructions to Complete Contest Forms

First complete the identifying information

As you prepare the **Service** section of your report form, in the first column please list any **new projects** that your club is doing this year. This column will change as you add unique projects throughout the club year. “New” projects are those that you do not necessarily do each year. It may be in response to a local or other need. Under listing column just give the project and name and under description do just that – briefly describe the project. Values are received on new projects once, then they move into the ongoing projects category for the next report. If there is not enough room then add to the back of the form.

What are your **ongoing service projects**? List them and give a brief description. If you have done anything to forward the project during the month, then list that as an ongoing project. Just describe the current activity under description.

Please circle rather you used the **Mobile or Portable Eye Screening Unit**. List when and where it was used.

The purchase of eyeglasses or hearing aids should reflect those serviced during a particular month.

As you prepare the **Membership** section of your report form please consider that all new members are important; however, we are placing emphasis on building future clubs. Therefore, younger new members get a bonus under this contest. It is also important that we have a membership chairman report for the month. Please note if your club did have one or not.

As you prepare the **Participation** section of your report please notice that all lines will not be used in every report. We are also not asking for each meeting numbers of attendance. We know that in the best-of-all-possible-worlds that there would be 100% participation at each local club meeting. Our intention is to encourage participation by members in the extended Lions Family. An easy way to compute percentage of total membership is to use the following formula: $\text{Number who attended the event} \div \text{total number of members} = \text{Equal Percentage}$; Conferences occur only once a year. Be sure and circle the Conference you attend. Of course some of your members may wish to visit other conferences by date. The Leadership School is an important fellowship and learning opportunity for all members. This is especially true of possible upcoming office holders.. Encourage participation throughout the year for the event. The State Convention is a great place to meet Lions from throughout the multi district. Cabinet Meetings, Council Meetings, and Zone Meetings are open to all for attendance. Volunteer groups have to know why it is important that they attend all of the meetings that they can. It gives a sense of belonging. Encourage your members to participate in every opportunity that they can. **Together we serve.**

New Leo's

The Clay Lions Club welcomed in a Leo Club back in April but were unable to induct or install officers so late in the school year. Ms. Eva Dague and DG Connie visited on October 18th, 2011 and installed 12 of the members and installed the offers. The Clay Lions Club and Leo's would like to thank Ms. Dague and DG Connie for making the long trip to help them become official members of the Clay Lions Leo Club. Also the Leo's would like to thank

all those Lions Club Members that joined in the festivities. In the next issue there will be pictures and more from the induction of the new Leo's for the Clay Lions Club.



Brain Teasers – Just For Fun

(Answers on Next Page)



- Q1. There is a man who lives on the top floor of a very tall building. Every day he gets the elevator down to the ground floor to leave the building to go to work. Upon returning from work though, he can only travel half way up in the lift and has to walk the rest of the way unless it's raining! Why?
- Q2. A man and his son are in a car accident. The father dies on the scene, but the child is rushed to the hospital. When he arrives the surgeon says, "I can't operate on this boy, he is my son!" How can this be true?
- Q3. Why is it better to have round manhole covers than square ones?
- Q4. Is it legal for a man living in North Carolina to be buried in South Carolina?
- Q5. 2 fathers and 2 sons go fishing. Each of them catches one fish. So, why did they only bring home 3 fish?





Brain Teasers – Just For Fun

(Answers)



A1. The man is very, very short and can only reach halfway up the elevator buttons. However, if it is raining then he will have his umbrella with him and can press the higher buttons with it.

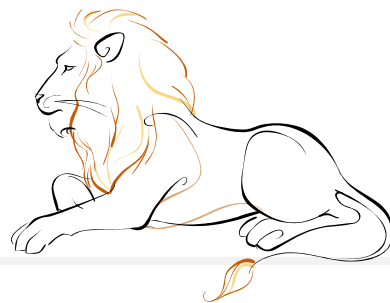
A2. The surgeon was his mother.

A3. A square manhole cover can be turned and dropped down the diagonal of the manhole. A round manhole cover cannot be dropped down the manhole. So for safety and practicality, all manhole covers should be round.

A4. No he's alive.

A5. The group included grandfather, father, and son.

Q&A's 1-3 Courtesy of <http://www.knowledgebase-script.com/demo/article-486.html> 4&5 courtesy of <http://www.buzzle.com>



Dates to Remember

- November 4-5: District 29-N Conference at Pipestem
- November 6: Council meeting at Pipestem
- November 8: Induct new members at Durbin
- November 10: Official visit to Marlinton
- November 14: Official visit to Union and induct new members
- November 15: Official visit to Clay
- November 17: Official visit to Mount Hope
- December 1: Official visit to Crab Orchard
- December 3: Youth Camp & Exchange Student Scholarship judging
- December 5: Official visit to Athens
- December 10: Lions/Salvation Army Bell Ringing throughout the state
- December 13: Official visit to Pineville
- January 9: Official visit to White Sulphur Springs
- January 21: Official visit to Anstead
- January 27-29: West Virginia Lions Leadership School



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