

My Clubs, My Family, My Pride

West Virginia District 29 - N

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From the District Governor's Desk

Greetings from your DG. It's been a slow start with visitations. I have done only two so far, but clubs are finally calling for visits. October will be a very busy month. PDG Eva Dague and I enjoyed a quick trip to Alaska to attend the USA/Canada Forum. We enjoyed fellowship with FVDG Bob Moffett and Lion Aletta, PDG Pat Julius and Lion Shirley, PID Larry Johnson and Lion Rachel. The seminars were informative and provided new information. The meal time presenters were outstanding. We also took a tour of Anchorage and on Sunday the Moffetts and PDG Eva and I took a cruise out of Seward. I love Alaska and the scenery was majestic. On the cruise we saw eagles, sea lions, otter, mountain goats, porpoise, puffins, and others. Fantastic Presidents, Secretaries, PDGs, and Cabinet members, **PLEASE** share your newsletters. I still have people tell me they do not get the information. The newsletters cannot be sent to everyone, but are to be shared at club meetings.

Cabinet members please send a report of your activity as cabinet member to Lion Rodena Belcher by November 1st or bring a copy of your report to the Conference on November 4th. There will be a Cabinet meeting Saturday morning and all Cabinet members are expected to attend.

The Parade of Checks should also be sent to Lion Rodena Belcher (see the listing elsewhere in this newsletter) or brought to the conference. Plans are being finalized for the Conference. It is shaping up to be a wonderful time with LOTS of surprises. I met ID Douglas Alexander in

Alexander in Anchorage and we hit it off immediately. Seminars will take place on Saturday as well as a District project, thanks to PCC Merlin Trickett. Entertainment, music, hospitality room, and fun are in store for all of you. **Remember to bring your Club banner, Parade of Checks, eyeglasses, silent auction items, door prizes, and your sense of humor. Plan to meet someone new and learn something new.**

I will be attending the O Conference this weekend and PDG John Pinkerman will have the new directories. YEA! I will get them to the Zone Chairs ASAP so they can be distributed.

Please remember to get articles to Lion Miriam Cliver by the first of the month. Pictures are always welcome. I thank all who have already submitted articles and encourage everyone to contribute.

IP Tam wanted to plant 1 million trees as his signature project this year. Already over 2 million trees have been planted. He said he could change his goal, but would stay with the original number and see what the Lions worldwide can do by the end of the year. I am still encouraging each club to plant 3 trees to make the goal of 100 trees pledged. I KNOW we will exceed it. A tree is a living thing and it gives hope, especially to areas that had their trees wiped out. Texas with the fires, Missouri with the floods, Japan with the earthquake and tsunami, etc. IP Tam planted a tree in the town park in Anchorage and called it a tree of hope. Remember to take pictures when you plant your

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October is membership month. Can your club match Burnsville with 4 new members and Iaeger with 2? I talked to a man in the airport about joining Lions. When was the last time you asked someone to join the Lions?

Zone 2 Report

A report from Zone 2

By Zone Chair Steve Tyra

In August I visited the Oak Hill Lions Club. The meeting was held at The Lewis House and about dozen members were present. The food was delicious and the meeting quite lively in spite of the small group. The discussion was about Lions Club involvement in the Oak Leaf Festival. The Lions were doing a pancake breakfast on Saturday morning and a BBQ lunch later on Saturday afternoon. I introduced myself and talked about Zone 2 and offered my services to help them create a website for their club at the e-clubhouse location. I gave out my contact information and made it clear they could get in touch with me at any time if they have questions or problems. I

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather and I'll see you at Pipestem.

The District 29-N Conference would not be shaping up without the help of the Conference Co-chairs **Lion Venise LeGrande** and **Lion Jettina Davis**. We have been meeting regularly, planning, coming up with new ideas, and organizing everything necessary to make this the BEST Conference ever. Both Lions deserve a big hand for all the work they have done and continue to do. This is Membership month and **GMT Dennis Keffer** has ideas to help your club increase the number of members. **GLT Merlin Trickett** is available to help with any Leadership questions you may have. He's done a fantastic job of new ideas for Pipestem. I'm

sure you'll be impressed. I appreciate all these cabinet members and thank them for their work.



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know the Oak Leaf Festival was a big success again this year so I am sure the Lions Club segments did well. So far there are no calls about the website or any problems so as they say, "No news is good news."

In October I was scheduled to meet with the Gauley Bridge Lions Club. Due to an especially small turnout the President suggested I reschedule for a later time and we are working on that right now.

I am a member of the Fayetteville Lions Club so I attend nearly every meeting. This year marks the Fayetteville Lions Club's 20th year of Adopt-a-highway service in the community. They do road cleanup on a four mile stretch of Highway 16, the Old

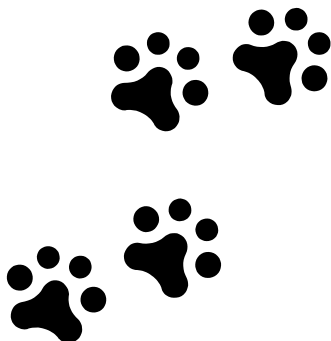
Fayetteville to Oak Hill Road. In 20 years they have picked up over one thousand large orange trash bags full of litter. Fayetteville has a solid schedule of interesting programs at every meeting. A young lady from Fayetteville brought slides and items to tell about her service in the Peace Corps. The Fayette County K-9 officers gave a talk on their duties. Then the club adjourned to the parking lot where Lion Charlie Garvin donned a special "bite-proof" suit and helped demonstrate how the dogs help officers apprehend criminals. The video of Lion Garvin being tackled by the K-9 officer is now part of the Fayetteville Lions Club stock of favorite moments. (continued on page 4...)

Marlinton Lions Concessions Trailer

Marlinton has for years been planning for a concession trailer, Thanks to the hard work of all the members this has finally come true. The new trailer was used for the first time this July for our "Pioneer Days." These pictures were taken during the "Treasure on the Mountain" event at Snow Shoe mountain. This trailer is going to be a great help in our fund raising and will allow us to increase our help in our community.....
Lion Del Cohrs



Pres. Brad Dunz of the Pocahontas County Youth Football League and Marlinton Lions Club President Marie Soriant presents a \$500 check from the fund raiser for the league



From the Desk of 2nd VDG Ed Via

The Union Club recently hosted an educational community meeting on combating internet fraud and identity theft. David Shelene and Dale Usey, field representatives of the State Auditor's office, delivered the program. David, who is a Lion, presented essentially the same program at District O Conference in Ripley.

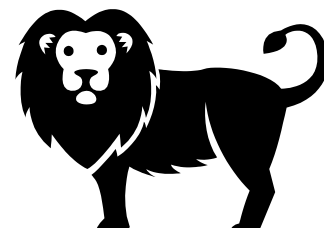
Protecting our children and

youth was a central theme of the talk. Clearly, the internet has an enormous potential for both good and bad in our lives in the 21st Century. It must be approached with caution and that is something we could "take home" from the evening.

If we reach only a few with this type of community project, it can be a very worthwhile and beneficial use of our time and effort. Those who attended left

with valuable information. At least we all learned to be a little more careful in our use of the internet.

Ed Via
2nd VDG



Zone 2 Report

(continued...)

I have been in contact with the other clubs in Zone 2, but so far have not been able to coordinate visits but I will keep on it and hope to have more to report soon.

So that's the way it is out here in wild and wacky Zone 2...come visit any of our clubs...it will be well worth your time!



From 1st Vice District Governor

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Fall is here but it feels as though it is winter! District N's Fall Conference is almost upon us. I look forward to seeing our old friends and making new friends in November. It is always great to see new faces at Pipestem. Please make plans to attend this year. We want to make District Governor Connie's Conference the best yet!

Please be generous in these times of low economy. The projects we support all depend on our donations to support them. The West Virginia Lions Sight Foundation, Inc. and Lions Clubs International Foundation have done some great things this year and without us it would not have been possible. Thank you for your support.

Our first Vice District Governor's training is moving along. We are all planning to meet in Marlinton for a weekend of training on October 7, 8 & 9. The time is traveling so fast!

I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Sincerely,

Lion Linda Burke

FVDG, 29N

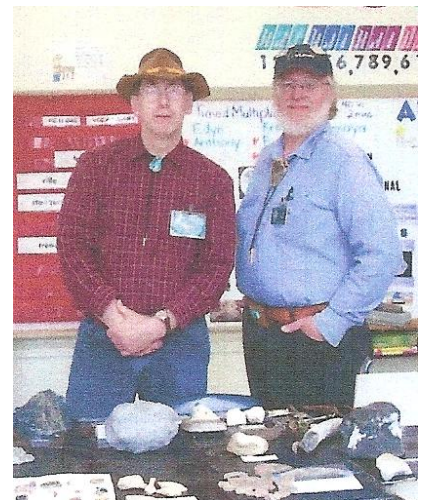
Gary Lions do Rockhound Project

Gary Lions Ken Valko and Jim Hird recently did a teaching project on the subject of geology and the hobby of rockhounding. This took place for a careers even at Montrose Elementary near South Charleston.

Their presentation consisted of information on prehistoric tools, coal mining gear, geodes, fluorescing stones, and many fossils.

A short 20 minute talk and demonstration was given to four groups of students and parents. Each group listened and asked questions along the way. There were many good comments after each group; so Jim and Ken look forward to sharing the knowledge and fun of rockhounding with others again.

~Submitted by Ken Valko



Zone 4 Meeting

The Gary Club of Zone 4 District 29-N, had a meeting on August 25, at the Sterling Drive Inn in Welch.

Zone 4 chairperson Ken Valko presided over this meeting of the Lions from District 29-N. Attending the meeting were clubs from Pineville, Mullens, Iaeger, Welch, Bradshaw, and Gary.

The purpose of the zone meetings are to share ideas, talk about projects and services the clubs are involved in, have general fellowship with local clubs, and report the good progress to the District Governor. From this meeting came a positive outlook after a short activity where these clubs shared their projects and services.

Bob Browning, Pineville, talked about their radio advertisement campaign, had a picnic on August 22, and had plans for a car show on September 5.

Roy 'Eugene' Shaw, Iaeger talked about the Iaeger Lions working on recycling an area in the Town of Iaeger. They will turn it into a nice park with tables for all to enjoy. They also have plans to restore the caboose, continue their yearly golf tournament, and work on a membership drive.

Pat Murphy and Mick Crouse, Welch, talked about the continued work on the sports hall of fame. They added new members by way of a card pass out and dinner campaign. They also have a Lions Mints project that is ongoing.

Jim Hird, Gary, talked about membership in trying to recruit from new areas across the county. The Gary Lions Park may be used for Blackwolf Links Golf Course. They also had great success at the fair. Glasses were given out and they have plans for a care in this year's Veteran's Day parade. Also, the Lions will participate in the Rock and Mineral Show scheduled for October 14, 15, and 16.

After a door prize of a Rock Sphere was won by Mike Crouse attention was turned to a carved soapstone Lion which will be raffled off at the Fall Conference the first weekend of November.



(back) Ken Valko, Zone Chair, Gary Lions Club President; Eugene Shaw, Iaeger, President; Pat Murphy, Welch, Secretary; Mike Crouse, Welch, President. (front) Bob Browning, Pineville Treasurer, Past District Governor

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 29-N LIONS CLUB FALL CONFERENCE

PIPESTEM STATE PARK

NOVEMBER 4-5, 2011

Make Room Reservations: Pipestem State Park

304-466-1800

Room Rates: Single or Double occupancy \$57.00

Make your reservations by October 21, 2011 and tell them you're a **Lion**.

Registration

Name: _____ **Spouse:** _____

Lions Club: _____

(Is this your first time attending the 29-N Conference). _____ yes _____ No

Conference Reservation: \$40.00 **Number** _____

Entree' Choice for Banquet

Country Steak _____

Chicken Breast _____

Please make check payable to – **District 29-N Fall Conference**

Return by October 31st, 2011:

To: Rodena Belcher
P. O. Box 57
Caldwell, WV 24925



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.



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: Number who attended the event divided by the total number of members = 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.**

Technology Note from Rodena

For upcoming events and District Governor Connie's schedule, check out our website at www.lionwap.org/District29N. We will be upgrading to a better website soon. You can also find important information around the state from our WV Lions Club website at www.wvlions.org. Please send any information or pictures you would like on the website to Rodena Belcher (belcherr@yahoo.com).

You should also consider having your own website from Lions International. It is called e-clubhouse and is very easy to use. If you have any questions, you can contact Rodena by email or call 304-645-1831.

Websites are a wonderful way to highlight what your club is involved in and keep upcoming events posted. See you on the web!



Brain Teasers – Just For Fun

(Answers on Next Page)



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 D S P I D E R I J P T
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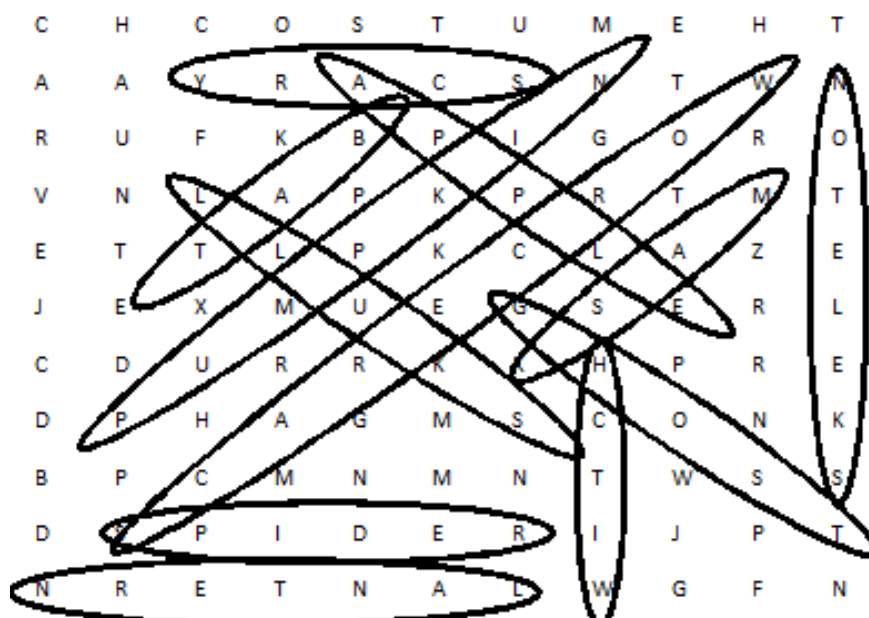


Brain Teasers – Just For Fun

(Answers)



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Dates to Remember

October 18 Charter night for new Leo Club in Clay

October 29 Princeton Official visit

October 21-22 I Convention

November 4-5 N Conference

November 6 Council meeting at Pipestem

November 14 Union Official visit

November 15 Clay Official visit

November 17 Mount Hope Official visit

