



Charleston Gold Dome Lions Club

Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at Shoney's Restaurant in Kanawha City, Charleston, WV at 6:00 p.m.

GOLD DOME NEWS NUGGETS

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March Meetings—Our club will have the first regular meeting of the month on March 1 with a brief business meeting at Shoney's Restaurant in Kanawha City at 6 p.m. On March 15th—same time and place—we will have the second regular meeting of the month along with our Nominations Meeting.

April Meetings—On April 5 at 6 p.m. at the Kanawha City Shoney's Restaurant we will have our regularly scheduled first meeting of the month with a program to be announced. On April 19th—same time and place—we will have the second regular meeting of the month with a brief business meeting along with our Elections Meeting.

Board Meeting—A Board of Directors meeting is scheduled immediately following the first regular meeting of the month.



House for Sale—In a recent communication with South Charleston Lion PDG Creed Adkins, it was learned that he is selling his home in South Charleston for only \$165,000. Located at 697 Gordon Drive, this lovely South Hills raised rancher has 1,600 square feet of comfortable living area with 3 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, a great yard and much more. Any Lions or friends interested or knowing of potential buyers can contact Lion Creed at 304-342-1393.

Zone 6 Meeting Scheduled—Lions of ZONE 6 are invited to the 3RD ZONE 6 meeting to be hosted by the Campbells Creek Lions Club to be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at the Coal Fork Methodist Activity Building, 4449 Campbell Creek Drive at 6:30 PM. Dinner will be provided for \$8.00. Reservations are required. Club Secretaries are to survey their club officers and members and call Lion Jim Slamick at (304) 925-5423 by Friday March 18th with the numbers to attend the Zone 6 meeting. Topics to be discussed include: Membership growth; Election procedures; Officer reporting form PU 101; Annual audits and installation of new officers. Many door prizes will be given so plan to attend, have fun, good food and good fellowship.



Kiss A Pig 2011—Event and Artwork Contest— All together there were 54 pig lovers attended the 12th Annual KISS A PIG (KAP) Kick Off sponsored by the Charleston Gold Dome Lions Club (CGDLC) and the West Virginia Branch of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF). It is a FUNdraising event to raise research dollars for a cure for diabetes and dollars for the Lions Club sight projects and charities. The KAP Kick-Off was held at the Appalachian Power Park Clubhouse in Charleston on Saturday, February 26th, at noon. The KAP Kiss-Off (when the winner is announced and gets to kiss a live pig) will be Saturday, April 23rd at the same location and time.

Since the pig was the first source of insulin in 1921, the JDRF and Gold Dome Lions recognize and really love the pig (enough to hold a contest to kiss it). Hence they are willing to support and happy to work with the 'Kiss A Pig' for diabetes awareness program.

Local candidates are now campaigning to solicit the most votes for their individual campaigns. Each dollar donation counts as a vote. Whoever garners the most votes gets the honor of kissing the pig. Candidates have been secured and are busily campaigning for the high honor. Candidates include: Sheri Lowery and Ellyana (4) Harvey - Gold Dome Lions Club, Officer Duke Jordan - Charleston Policeman, Ashley Smith - WCHS-TV8/WVAH-Fox 11, Brian Belcher - Yeager Airport Director of Marketing & Air Service Developing, Wendy Peters - Poca High School Employee, Cathi Bradley - Principal- Elk Elementary Center, Tom Blankenship - Professional Dog Trainer/handler, C. Ed Childers, Jr. MD - Pediatrician, South Charleston, WV, Eric Lockhart - Retired, Roland Ferrell - Retired and David McDaniel - Business Person.

Diabetes team members selected by JDRF will be working with the candidates. They are Brody Aliff (10), Willow Shawl (10), Caitlyn Pace (8), Piper DeHart (2), Jay Haapala (13), Aaron Owen (17), Rachael Cottrill (12), Brooklyn Ann Prince (3), Kierstyn

McDade (4) and Cole Binion (7) to raise votes for their campaigns.

Votes/dollars can be given (in any quantity) to the candidates for their competition to get the most votes to kiss a live pig at high noon at the "Kiss-Off" on April 23rd at Appalachian Power Park in Charleston. The Kiss-Off will be free to the public as was the Kick-Off on Saturday. WV Lions District 29-O District Governor Eddie Queen introduced the Master of Ceremonies, WCHS-TV8/WVAH-Fox 11 long-time News celebrity Rick Lord who further explained the campaign and introduced the candidates and team members at the Kick-Off.



Nathan Taylor from Sandyville, WV volunteered to bring "Dink" the live 10-inch piglet sporting a green John Deer hat to excite the candidates and encourage heavy campaigning to be the champion pig-kisser at the Kiss-Off on April 26th. Everyone loved visiting with Dink and was anxious to kiss her right now to show appreciation for the pig and for Dink being there for everyone. Rick Lord and the Lions thanked Nathan, his girlfriend Charlea Reed (responsible for raising Dink and spoiling her with lots of love) for participating this year in the Kiss A Pig campaign.

Tax deductible donations in the form of votes/dollars can be sent to the Kiss-A-Pig Program at P. O. Box 2385, Charleston, WV 25328. Make checks or money orders payable to Kiss-A-Pig Program. Be sure to indicate your candidate's name in the memo portion of the check.



For more information about Lions Clubs and the JDRF visit www.wvlions.org and www.jdrf.org. For more information about the diabetes or the diabetes artwork contest now in progress, visit: www.lionsmd29-o.org or www.wvlions.org or contact Lori Haapala 304-965-3862 LoriHaapala@yahoo.com or Tammy Owen--304-346-7000 tjo@goodwingoodwin.com of JDRF. For more information about the Lions' diabetes/sight programs or if you are worried that you or someone in your family may have diabetes or want to know more about how you can volunteer to help, contact Jim McMillon—304-769-5324 wymcmillon@suddenlink.net of the Charleston Gold Dome Lions Club. For more information about Lions Clubs in general visit www.lionsclubs.org, or call West Virginia toll-free numbers: 1-866-WVLIONS or 1-866-WVSIGHT.

Nominations Meeting and Elections Meeting—Lion President Jimmy Lowery has appointed a Nominations Committee to develop a list of candidates for club officers for Lions Year 7/1/11 through 6/30/12. The committee members are Lions Leslie Morris, Shelley Seafler and Sheri Lowery. Lions interested in holding an office should contact a committee member. The Nominations Meeting will be March 15th which is the last time nominations can be taken from the floor and the Elections Meeting will be April 19th.



Lion Eggs in March/April— The On Saturdays in March/April (schedule to be announced), the Charleston Gold Dome Lions Club will be selling Lion Eggs. The Lion Eggs are plastic eggs, each containing a note and a Chenille chick that sell for \$1 per egg. All notes thank the buyer and some of the notes have a prize number indicating the buyer has won a small prize. Prizes range from a variety of items, like figurines, yo-yos and other fun things for adults and children.

We need members to volunteer to work at some of the events. If you would like to work or have any items to donate as prizes, contact Lions Jim or Jerri. Profits from these fund-raisers will go to help the visually and hearing impaired by providing eyeglasses and hearing aides for the needy in the community as well as other Lions charities and activities. If you have questions, please call Lions Jim or Jerri at 304-769-5324.

Elder Beerman Community Day Fund Raiser 2/26—Community Day Coupon Booklets—Our club once more participated in the Community Day Program at Elder Beerman. Community Day on Saturday, February 26.



Birthdays— We have no March birthdays. So, let's recruit some new members with birthdays in March (or, of course, any month)!

Joke, No Really--"We don't necessarily discriminate. We simply exclude certain types of people."--Colonel Gerald Wellman, ROTC Instructor.

☞--*The GOLD DOME NEWS NUGGETS*-- will be circulated monthly among those attending meetings and will be E-mailed to members with E-mail or snail mailed to those without E-mail. You don't have to have E-mail to save our club a stamp, just come to the meetings ☺. Let Lion Jim know (304-769-5324) of any "news nuggets" you might have.

☞-- **To Show** my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.—**First Item of Eight Lions Code of Ethics.**

☞--*Works in Progress*—

- Sister City—Slovakia—Banska Bystrica—Lions Twinning Program—Gold Dome letter and friendship offerings sent to Banska Bystrica Lions Club via Charleston visitors delegation from the Charleston Alliance
- No-Smoking Program for the public at the Charleston Plaza Hotel as a community service project per Lion Randi. She will be coordinating with Cheryl Jackson when she can be reached
- White Cane Day Planning—1,000 Stickers received—Plan date to be determined
- Cell phones collections are still in progress—Need a Chair
- Creation of the Charleston Gold Dome Lions Club Sight Foundation



☞--*Candle Sales*— The Gold Dome Lions Club continues to sell scented candles. They are great for personal use or as nice gifts. They are only \$10 per 16 oz/pint jar. The proceeds go to help the visually impaired and other Lions Club charities. The candles come in a neat pint size jar and have some really neat scents, like Apple Cinnamon, Banana Nut Bread, Cinnamon Stick and many others. Feel free to take orders from friends or family with delivery in a few weeks. **For sure-fire sales tips, contact Lion Jill, Champion "Candle Sales-Lion" of the Club.**

Coming Events – Note—"Program to be announced" will be abbreviated "tba." Items in **red ink** denote First Vice District Governor (FVDG) Darrell Jennings Visits. Items in **green ink** denote fund-raisers. Items in **blue ink** denote service or other events. Items in **black ink** denote club meetings.

- ◆ **March 1—Regular Meeting—tba—Raffle prizes by Lion Cheryl Jennings. Board of Directors meeting follows the regular meeting.**
- ◆ **March 7 - FVDG Darrell attending SE Huntington LC at SE Huntington LC**
- ◆ **March 8 - FVDG Darrell attending So Chas LC to initiate new members**
- ◆ **March 15--Regular Meeting and Nominations Meeting—tba—Raffle prizes by Lion Jim McMillon.**
- ◆ **March 21 FVDG Darrell attending Zone 5 meeting at Alum Creek LC**
- ◆ **March 22 - FVDG Darrell attending Zone 6 meeting at Campbells Creek LC**
- ◆ **April 5—Regular Meeting—tba—Raffle prizes by Lion Charlie Varner. Board of Directors meeting follows the regular meeting.**
- ◆ **April 16 - FUND RAISER—Kiss A Pig Cut-Off for Votes**
- ◆ **April 18 - FVDG Darrell attending Alum Creek LC as guest speaker**
- ◆ **April 19--Regular Meeting and Elections Meeting—tba—Raffle prizes by Lion Jill Marks-Jennings.**
- ◆ **April 23 - FUND RAISER—Kiss A Pig Kiss-Off, Noon, Power Park**
- ◆ **April 26 - FVDG Darrell attending Glasgow-Cedar Grove LC as guest speaker**
- ◆ **May 1 - FVDG Darrell attending WV Dist 29-O Cabinet meeting at Chapmanville LC**
- ◆ **May 3—Regular Meeting—tba—Raffle prizes by Lion Jerri McMillon. Board of Directors meeting follows the regular meeting.**
- ◆ **May 17--Regular Meeting—tba—Raffle prizes by Lion Cheryl Jennings.**
- ◆ **May 20 - 22 - FVDG Darrell attending WV State Convention in Morgantown**
- ◆ **SERVICE/OTHER EVENT May 20-21-22, 2011—WV State Convention - Lakeview Resort Morgantown, WV**
- ◆ **June 7—Regular Meeting—tba—Raffle prizes by Lion Jimmy Lowery. Board of Directors meeting follows the regular meeting.**
- ◆ **June 14 - FVDG/DGE Darrell attending So Chas LC to install new officers**
- ◆ **June 21--Regular Meeting and Anniversary/Installation Of Officers Meeting—tba—Raffle prizes to be determined.**

"With Heart and Hands We Make a Difference"
"MORE LIONS=MORE FRIENDS"