



HAPPY FATHERS DAY!



Lions International
District 29-I
JUNE 2010

Inspiring Words from Your District Governor

Well, my final month is here. It is so hard to believe that my Lion year is coming to a close. I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to DG Elect Cindy Glass, 1st VDG Elect Dave Nicholson, and 2nd VDG Elect Barbara Fishel for their efforts and accepting the challenge of leading our District over the next 3 years. May your journey be as rewarding and pleasing as my past 2 years have been. Let me know if I can assist you in any way. I also would like to offer my congratulations to PDG Billie Nichols for being elected to the Sight Foundation Board of Trustees and to Lion Katie Heckman for being elected to serve on the Youth Exchange Committee.

I would like to say thank you to an outstanding cabinet. Words can't describe how I feel about these Lions, so I will just say I love you guys, one and all. A special thanks to PDG Tina Canon and PCC Jim Canon. They are an unbelievable team, and I couldn't have done anything without them. I'd also like to express my sincere gratitude to Lion Mel Minor and all the Lions that contributed articles to the newsletter. Your assistance truly made the difference in our Lion year.

I also would like to thank my fellow Gover-

nors Lion Bernice, Lion Eddie and Lion Merlin as well as the other Governors we met in Minneapolis. What a wonderful experience it has been serving with you all and we will always have Minnesota!

Through the efforts of all the Lions, our District has achieved many goals. We have added new members and retained others. We are adding one new club and working towards another. We have raised \$57,438 dollars for the various Lion Charities through the Conference Parade of Checks and through my club visits. But most importantly, you have served your communities well and truly made a difference in so many lives.

We still have a few weeks to add members and to retain our membership. Let's not have that big drop of members in June. Keep your club strong by working at keeping those members!

I would also like to thank the members of the Tennerton Lions Club for their support throughout this year. Without their sacrifices, the success that I have enjoyed would not have been possible.

Another West Virginia Lions State Convention is history. Held at the beautiful Snowshoe Resort, the convention was attended by nearly 200 Lions and guests. Highlights included district elections, lively meetings, entertainment by Rick K and the Allnighters, a Strides Walk which raised approximately \$3000 for diabetes camp scholarships, a 58th anniversary celebration for PDG Dick Walden and Lion/Lioness Betty, and an inspirational address by PID Harold Ott from Pennsylvania. Lion Trish Glenn was working overtime as both Co-Convention Chair and Council Chair, and she did a great job under very difficult circumstances, including a family crisis.

Our district election produced the following results: DGE Elect Cindy Glass, FVDG Elect David Nicholson, and SVDG Elect Barbara Fishel. PDG Billie Nichols was elected to another four year term as Sight Foundation Trustee, and Lion Katie Heckman was elected to a four year term on the Youth Camps & Exchange Committee.

I want to tell all the Lions of District 29-I that I am honored to be serving as your next District Governor. I will do my best to serve and lead, and I look forward to this new challenge. I sincerely thank Governor Rob for his service and leadership this year, and I wish him the best, including some well deserved rest!

Included in this newsletter you can find some information about my goals for the district, which can only be accomplished with help from every Lion in this district. Also included is a Cabinet directory, rules for three contests, and some information about the Fall Conference.

June is a fabulous month – let's all get out and enjoy every minute.

VDGE Dave Nicholson does not have an article this month. His column will return next month.

PCC Jim Canon to be Master of Ceremonies in Sydney

-DG Rob

We have some exciting news to share with the Lions of District 29-I. One of our own has been asked to host and be the Master of Ceremonies for the Membership Key Recognition event at 93rd International Convention in Sydney, Australia! PCC Lion Jim Canon has been asked to host this most prestigious event, called "The Cream of the Crop" with an ice cream social following the recognition of Key holders. Not too shabby for a West Virginian to be chosen out of 1.3+ million Lions!

The Lions Membership Key Awards recognizes individual Lions who invite new members. A Lion can earn their first membership key by inviting two new members, and may earn up to seventeen keys. Each key is designed to reflect the number of new members a Lion has sponsored. PCC Jim currently hold the "Grand Master" key for sponsoring 50 members; he has sponsored 73 members and is on his way toward a "Key of State" which represents 75 members.

In addition to the Membership Key Event, Lion Jim will also join an all-star crew of Lion leaders from around the world in a Leadership Exchange seminar. This will be a fast-paced, interactive session for Convention attendees to participate and share ideas, challenges and successes with fellow Lions. There will be four rounds of lively discussion focused on various leadership skills.

During the 92nd International Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Lion Jim serve as a Group Leader training DG-Elects from North and South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

WVL Sight Conservation Foundation Beef Quarter Raffle. \$1 ticket has 4 chances to win 1/4 beef, cut up and vacuum-wrapped. Drawing on November 7. Contact any Trustee or PDG Bill Nichols 304-624-4811.

ON THE LION'S TRAIL with Your District Governor

JUNE

6	District 29-I Awards Picnic, North Buckhannon Park Pavilion, Buckhannon, 2pm. RSVP to DG Rob by June 4. 304-924-9283
15	Clay Lions Club Picnic, Location TBA
21	Valley District Lions 60th Anniversary Dinner, Arthurdale Presbyterian Church, 6:30pm, Lydia Main 864-5711 NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

Celebrating Our Lion's Pride District I Recognition Picnic

North Buckhannon Park
June 6, 2010 2:00 pm



**BBQ sandwiches, coleslaw, drinks, all paper products will be provided by the district.
Please bring a covered dish!**

Cabinet gifts, contest winners and new member contest drawing will take place at this picnic.

RSVP to DG Rob at 304-924-9283 by June 4th, 2010.

Directions to the Park: As you come to Buckhannon follow Corridor H (US 33) to the Morton Ave exit the first intersection before (or past if coming from I- 79) the Buckhannon exit. Take the Morton Ave exit & follow 5th street all the way to the park, Pavilion 1



The Tygart Valley Lions Club recently awarded the four winners of the annual W.W.Beverage Memorial Essay Contest. The subject "Why I Like the Tygart Valley" was addressed by 5th graders from Beverly, Homestead, George Ward, and Valley Head Elementary Schools. Winners, their families, teachers and administrators were treated to dinner at an awards banquet at the Beverly Presbyterian Church. Tygart Valley Lions Club Essay Contest Chairman, John Wallace noted that these were some of the best essays he had read.

KEYSER LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ June 5,
10am - 1pm Skip's Honda Parking Lot \$7 for 1/2 chicken,
bake beans, coleslaw & roll

The Lions of Australia will be welcoming the world in Sydney for the 93rd Lions Club International Convention. During the week of June 28- July 2, 2010, twenty-seven West Virginia Lions will be traveling "down under" to join Lions from around the world. From District 29-I, the Glass and Canon teams will be attending. There will not be a West Virginia delegation breakfast this year. Instead, the delegation will attend a candidate meeting to listen to each platform. The parade dress is different also. The parade participants will be wearing the new blue/gold outer covering with the Lions logo on the front and West Virginia on the back. The WV delegation will be staying at the Holiday Inn Darling Harbor which is very close to all events.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the families and fellow members of those Lions below who passed this Lions Year. They will be missed.

Adamston	Dominick Barberio; William D. Davis; Fred Danes; Anthony Talerico
Arlington-Glen Falls	James Edgell
Bruceton Mills Community	Millie Gruber
Buckhannon	John Barlow
East Lewis	Daril W. Stalnaker
East View	Frank Laurie
Elk District-Stonewood	Jackson K. Jacobs
Fort Ashby	Leo Everett; John D. Smith, Sr.
Franklin	James Lee Sinnett
Harpers Ferry-Bolivar	Raymond E. Biller
Hedgesville	Aaron Kilmer
Hodgesville	Hubert "Butch" Carpenter; Judson J. Hodges
Inwood-Bunker Hill	Arthur H. O'Connell; Junior C. Whitacre
Ireland	Ralph W. Mc Kissic
Kesling Mills	Orval W. Miller
Keyser	James O. Robinson
Martinsburg	Tom Engle
Mountain	Jacqueline R. McCrum
Philippi	Robert McDaniel
Rowlesburg	George Lipscomb
Tennerton	Stanton C. Reed; Paul R. Shaw; Robert F. Voras, Jr; Willis Riley
Tygart Valley	William Carr, Miles Runner
Wardensville	Ben Frye; David Ratcliff

Sight Foundation Ecology Crew to work the Greenbrier Classic.

Sunday, July 25 thru Tuesday, Aug 3

6 am - 6 pm 3 four-hour shifts per day (6am; 10am; 2pm)

We need your help keeping the grounds clean during the tournament in return for a **\$25,000** donation to the WVLSCF.

Need not be a Lion, but must be 18 years or older and willing to wear the Ecology Crew Tee Shirt. It's FUN Hard Work!

Call PDG Bill Nichols 304-624-4811



New Graduates - Lion Scott Summers

May 21 marked an important milestone in my life. Everyone knows that Pilot Dog Winston and I have been a team for the last eleven years. Winston celebrated his 13th birthday on March 14th, (91 dog years). Like any other 91 year old, he has developed a few medical problems over the last few years. He is officially retired and will be living a comfortable life of leisure while being a mentor for my new dog, Sarg, as he takes over guide duties. Sarg is a 2 year old, black and tan Doberman.

I would like to take this opportunity to Thank all of the District 29-I Lions clubs which support the Pilot Dog program. Due to your donations, I have received this precious gift which allows me to be more independent. It makes me proud to be a Lion and proud that so many Lions support this great organization.

Sarg and I look forward to seeing you at future Lions functions!



2010-2011 Cabinet Directory

District Governor Cindy Glass

FVDG	David R. Nicholson
SVDG	Barbara Fishel
IPDG.....	PDG Rob Silvester
Secretary-Treasurer	Janice C. Nicholson
Membership.....	PCC Gary Van Horn
Extension.....	PCC Trish Glennon
Retention	PDG Marshall Reed
Leadership/ Conference/ LCIF	PCC Steve Glass
Newsletter Editor	Natalie Goff
Information Technology	Milton Laughland, Jr.
Contests	Robert V. Allen
<u>Zone Chairpersons</u>	
Zone 1	George Quinn
Zone 2	Bill Michael
Zone 3	Carolyn Bowman
Zone 4	William Larew
Zone 5	Larry Alkire
Zone 6	Buck Ferguson
Zone 7	Robert Sypolt
Zone 8	Drew Tate
Zone 9	Dave Minor
Zone 10	Dan Moye
Sight & Hearing Conservation	Joe Carrico
Diabetes Awareness.....	Howard C. Mall
Student Work Program	Frank McGhee
Leader Dog/Pilot Dog	Neelam Worth
Quest.....	PCC Ed Weber
Youth Exchange	Linda Ott
Youth/LEO/Peace Poster	P. Doug Long
Blind Ski/Recreation	Carol McGhee
MESU Coordinator	PDG Billie G. Nichols

REMEMBER TO SUBMIT A COPY A COPY OF YOUR PU-101 TO:

VDG Cindy Glass ● 191 Ridgeway Dr
● Bridgeport, WV 26330

REMINDER:

All 100% Club Secretaries forms & the 2009-2010 Club President Excellence Award applications must be to DG Rob by July 10th, 2010. Officers and Zone Chairs received the forms at the beginning of the year, and they are available for download on the District website www.wvlions29i.org.

Save The Date

District 29-I Fall Conference

October 22-23, 2010

Bridgeport Conference Center

Details will be provided next month.

**DGE Cindy Glass
2010-2011**

Vision

For Lions clubs across District 29-I to be the premier providers of community and humanitarian services – the “go to” organization in every community that the public acknowledges as the organization that can get the job done.

Mission Statement

To provide quality leadership that enables clubs across the district to attract and retain involved members in order to provide quality services to their community and to fulfill the mission of Lions Clubs International.

Theme

“Reach Out”

To serve your local community
To serve the world community

To extend the gift of Lionism to new members
To extend the gift of Lionism to unserved communities

To strengthen your club through effective leadership and retention strategies
To deepen your personal commitment

Goals

Increase overall net membership in the District by 5 percent over the June 30, 2010 District total.
Increase women’s membership by 10 percent over the June 30, 2010 District total.
Extend two new Lions clubs and two LEO clubs.
Have all clubs in the District with a total of at least ten members.
Have each club in the District conduct a signature service activity that brands the club.

Rules Specific To All District Contests:

All contests will begin on July 1, 2010 and end on April 30, 2011.

For the purpose of the district contest, the clubs will be divided into divisions based upon total membership as of June 30, 2010. Large clubs will include 30 or more members, and small clubs will include those with less than 30 members.

Recognition will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each division for each contest.

District Governor’s “Reach Out” Contest 2010-2011

Purpose: To promote membership growth and retention, leadership development, club extension, club revitalization, and greater Lionistic service by clubs and individual Lions across District 29-I. To encourage clubs to report timely and maintain fiscal responsibility.

Rules specific to the Reach Out Contest: In order to receive credit, the activities must be reported on the Monthly Activities Report and the Monthly Membership Report (regarding membership data) submitted to the District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors, Zone Chairperson, and Contest Chairperson, respectively. Points will not be awarded cumulatively, for example, if a club contributes \$10.00 per member to LCIF, it will not also receive credit for

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having \$2.00, then \$5.00. The reasoning behind the points being awarded for incremental giving is to give incentive to smaller clubs to participate that may not have the financial resources that larger clubs have, nor the population base to support large fund-raisers.

1. For each new, reinstated or transferred member reported on the MMR 100 points
2. For each member dropped, except for death or transfer, deduct 100 points
3. For sponsoring a new Lions club during the reporting period 500 points
4. For sponsoring a new LEO club during the reporting period 250 points
5. For having a program at the club which features one or more of the District MERL Team members 200 points
(For having all 4 chairpersons during the reporting period add a bonus of 500 points)
6. For each new member orientation meeting held by the club during the reporting period utilizing a member of the District Cabinet or MD Chairperson 200 points
7. For sponsoring a Friendship Night or Membership Recruitment Night 250 points
8. For each member that attends the International Convention or USA/Canada Leadership Forum during the reporting period 50 points
9. For each member who attends the State Convention. Registration fee and registration form must be completed and submitted to the Convention Chairperson and listed on the MAR 100 points
10. For each member who attends the District Governor's Fall Conference 100 points
(If the club president, any vice president or secretary attends, add a bonus of 50 points for each)
11. For each member who attends the West Virginia Lions Leadership School 100 points
(If the incoming president and incoming secretary attend, add a bonus of 250 points for each)
12. For each member who attends any other leadership seminar during the reporting period that utilizes a member of the District Cabinet or the District Governor's Advisory Committee as a presenter. The date of the meeting and names of club members must be Reported on the MAR 100 points
13. Contributing \$1,000 to the WVLSCF 500 points
14. Contributing \$10.00 per member to the WVLSCF 100 points
15. Contributing at least \$5.00 per member to the WVLSCF 50 points
16. Contributing \$1,000 to LCIF 500 points
17. Contributing \$10.00 per member to LCIF 100 points
18. Contributing at least \$5.00 per member to LCIF 50 points
19. Contributing at least \$5 per member to any of the following Lions-sanctioned programs or activities:
WV Lions Blind Ski Program; Romney Student Work Program; WV Lions Youth Exchange Program; Leader Dogs for the Blind; Pilot Dogs; Quest; District Diabetes Awareness Program; WVUEI Low Vision; MESU; WVLSCF Permanent Endowment Fund (1-time donation) 100 points
20. Contributing at least \$2 per member to any of the Programs named in No.19 50 points
21. Sponsoring the Peace Poster Contest (each school or group) 200 points
22. For any club hosting a youth pursuant to Youth Exchange Program (per youth) 250 points
23. Sponsor a youth to any camp (per youth) 100 points
24. Provide a scholarship to graduating senior for college or trade school (per student) 300 points
25. Sponsor the MESU in your community or host an eye screening clinic or health fair (per event) 100 points
26. Attendance by club president and club secretary or their designated alternates at a scheduled zone meeting of their respective zone 200 points
For every other club officer attending add 50 points
For every non-officer who attends add 25 points
27. Pay first half of International dues by August 15th and the second half by February 15, 2011 (125 points per half) 250 points
28. Pay first half of district dues by August 1st and the second half by February 1st (125 points per half) 250 points
29. Confirm the date of the District Governor's visit by September 1, 2010 200 points
30. For each month the MMR is received by the DG and LCI by the end of the Month 200 points
31. For each month the MAR is received by the DG by the 10th day of the following month 200 points
32. For each month in which the club president and club secretary accept the DG newsletter in electronic format (must be reported on MAR) 50 points

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33. For each month in which the club secretary distributes the DG newsletter to all club members either in electronic format or by photocopying (must be reported on MAR) 50 points
34. For having a program at your club which features a Program Chairperson from the District Cabinet (Sight & Hearing, Diabetes, Romney Student Work, Leader Dog/Pilot Dog, Quest, Youth Exchange, Youth/LEO/Peace Poster, Blind Ski/Recreation, Mobile Eye Screening Unit, Environmental, WVLSCF, or LCIF) (per program) Having a WVLSCF Trustee or District Service Coordinator will also count. 100 points

MMR = Monthly Membership Report

MAR = Monthly Activity Report

District 29-I Public Relations Contest

Purpose: To encourage clubs to promote their service activities, programs, fundraisers, and Lions information in general to the general public in order to raise awareness of the services that clubs and individual Lions provide to their communities and to the world. In the process clubs can attract new quality members and retain their current members and gain support for their fundraisers and service activities by “Reaching Out” to make the public aware of all the good deeds that Lions do. It also provides the individual club member information about what his/her club is doing, thereby providing membership growth, opportunity for involvement, and leadership development opportunities.

Rules specific to the Public Relations Contest:

All articles or items of publicity must be postmarked and mailed to the District Contests Chairperson by the 15th of the month following the publication, airing, or telecast of the event. Articles for the month of April, 2011 must be received by the District Contests Chairperson by May 10, 2011 in order to be counted.

In areas where there are both a morning and an evening edition of a newspaper, only one edition’s article will be counted.

Where announcements of fundraisers or service projects are duplicated in forums such as Community Events” or “Calendar of Events”, only one printing, airing, or telecast will be counted.

Where radio or television is utilized, proof of the broadcast or telecast must be signed by a reporter, station manager, or news director.

Any newspaper article (without photo) of a club service project, fundraiser, club meeting, or program speaker...25 points.

Any newspaper article, with accompanying photo, of a club service project, fundraiser, club meeting, or program speaker...50 points.

Radio coverage of a club’s service project, fundraiser, club meeting, or program (limited to one airing)...100 points.

Television coverage of a club service project, fundraiser, club meeting, or club program speaker (limited to one telecast)...200 points.

Public service announcement on radio or television promoting any of the following Lions sponsored programs or projects that are specifically being sponsored by the club: WV Lions Sight Conservation, Inc., LCIF, WV Eye Institute, WV Youth Exchange Program, WV Lions Blind Ski Program, QUEST, LEO Program, eye screenings, Diabetes Awareness, health screenings, Flag Day, Peace Poster Contest, or eyeglass or hearing aid recycling (Only one airing per activity)...200 points.

Opinion editorial or special article promoting any club sponsored program or special event...200 points.

New highway or billboard sign erected or replacement of either that promotes the club or Lionism...200 points.

Publication of monthly club newsletter with distribution to the entire club membership (copy must be submitted to the District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governor, Zone Chairperson and District Contests Chairperson)...50 points for each month.

Establishment and maintenance of a club web page (Web site must be kept current monthly and web site address submitted to the District Contests Chairperson)...200 points per month

District 29-I Visitation Contest

Purpose: To promote inter-club fellowship and to provide the opportunity to learn about new projects, and new ideas for fundraisers, while instilling the concept of teamwork and sharing of best practices among all clubs in the District. To promote opportunities for membership growth and to learn more about Lionism.

Rules specific to the Visitation Contest: Credit will be given for a single Lion who visits any regularly scheduled meeting of a host Lions Club, Lioness Club, or LEO club anywhere. Additional points and bonus points can be earned according to the schedule set out below. The District Governor and both Vice District Governors visits will not be counted, except for visitations made outside District 29-I. Joint club meetings will earn points from each host club, and each host club can receive points for visiting each of the other host clubs during a joint meeting.

Points will be earned for only one visit per club. If a meeting of a host club is cancelled, the visiting club will get credit for the visit without prior notice if the host club secretary or president signs the visitation slip and indicates on it that the meeting was cancelled without prior notice to the visiting club. Visitation slips for the preceding month's visits must be received by the District Contests Chairperson by the 30th of the following month. Visitations for April of 2011 must be received by May 10, 2011 to be counted. All visitation slips must be sent to the following:

Lion Robert V. Allen, District 29-I Contests Chairperson, 246 Ridgeway Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330

One Lion making a visit to a regularly scheduled meeting of another host club...20 points

Each additional Lion that visits the same club on the same date...10 points

Bonus for visiting all Lions clubs in a zone...100 points

Bonus for visiting all Lions clubs in a region...250 points

Bonus for visiting all Lions clubs in District 29-I...500 points

FOR LARGE CLUBS ONLY: If 20 or more members of a club make at least two club visitations during the reporting period, add a bonus of ...500 points

Club Visitation Chairperson or Club Secretary must submit a written list of the club members who made two or more visits to the District Contests Chairperson by May 10, 2011 in order for the bonus to be awarded.

FOR SMALL CLUBS ONLY: If 5 or more Lions make at least two club visitations during the reporting period, add a bonus of ...500 points.

Club Visitation Chairperson or club Secretary must submit a written list of the club members who made two or more visits to the District Contests Chairperson by May 10, 2011 in order for the bonus to be awarded.

Twenty points per Lion for each Lion who attends another club's service project or participates in supporting another club's scheduled fundraiser (Fundraisers include pancake feed, spaghetti dinner, dance, bean dinner, steak fry, auction, play, bingo and the like). Visitation points will not be awarded for simply purchasing raffle tickets, elimination dinner tickets, or purchasing lottery tickets or chances). A visitation slip must be completed and signed by the host club secretary, president, or one of the vice presidents in order to receive credit.

District 29-I Visitation Slip LY 2010-2011

Name of Club Visited _____

Visiting Club Name _____

Names of Visiting Member(s) _____

Date of Visit _____

Type of Visit: Club Meeting _____ or Club Service Project or Fundraiser _____

Club Secretary or President _____ Date _____

Send to: Robert V. Allen, District Contests Chair, 246 Ridgeway Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330

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THANK YOU, Fellow Lions for submitting your excellent articles, photos, events, and fund-raisers this year. Y'all are the real reason why we have so many readers! Keep up the good work with Lion Natalie next year!

It's been fun, but I'm going to enjoy my retirement with the Wilsonburg Lions bunch! I'll miss our emails, so keep me in your address book!

-Lion Mel

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