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Recruit, Orientate, Learn and Lead

District Governor Garland E. Burke

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Message from DG Governor

Are you preparing to attend the State Convention? Let's all make plans to go and support District 29N. I look forward to seeing each of you there. It is always a pleasure to converse with the Lions and Club leaders that are the backbone of this great district.

April 19, 2008, is Worldwide Induction Day. If each Club will hold a recruiting drive in the first two weeks of April, we could have a huge group of new members to induct during our meetings of the week of April 17 - April 21. If your Club does not meet that week, then schedule before or after that date. Our International President, Lion Mahendra Amarasuriya, has released some very impressive figures for the first half of our year. Our worldwide membership growth shows a net increase of 4,283 new members, which is the best six-month period we have experienced in years. Retention worldwide is also experiencing a positive trend. We have experienced a growth of 570 new clubs worldwide. District 29N is sharing a positive trend in Membership Growth, Retention, New Club Growth, and Leo Club Growth. If all clubs will get on board and work toward a positive net growth in all these areas, we will definitely end the year by accomplishing our goals that we set at the beginning of the year.

Campaign Sightfirst II has raised \$157.9 million dollars to date. We are now working towards the "Vision for All" challenge goal of \$200 million. I would like to see each Club in our District designate at least one Melvin Jones Fellow by June 30, 2008. Lions are selecting one day during the week of May 12-16, 2008, as "Campaign SightFirst II Day." By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be approaching

less than 100 days left to act for CSFII. Make your Club and personal pledges now and still have 3-5 years to fulfill the pledge.

According to LCI records, our new Club, Shady Spring District Lions Club, had their Charter signed on January 13, 2008. The Charter Signing celebration is scheduled for May 17, 2008. The time and place will be announced as soon as possible.

Congratulations to all involved with the formation of the Club. The new Club could use some assistance getting started. Any donation will be appreciated. Donations may be sent to the Club Treasurer, Lion John Lucento @ 302 Earhart Street, Beckley, WV, 25801, or the Club Secretary, Lion Linda Bragg, 202 Pluto Road, Shady Spring, WV, 25918-8003. The Club President is Lion Jimmy D. "J.D." Lester II. The Membership Chairman is Lion Harold Bragg.

Congratulations to Snowshoe/Slaty Fork's Lion Club. They will celebrate their first Anniversary on April 3, 2008. The Club has suffered the normal growing pains of a new Club; however, the Club is still keeping the membership at a good level. The members through their efforts have contributed to the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, Inc., and donated supplies, storage totes and \$100.00 to a local school. They have also distributed collection boxes for eyeglasses. The Club is currently selling tickets for a golf vacation at Snowshoe Mountain for \$5.00 each. If you are interested in assisting the Club, and maybe winning a golf vacation, contact Anita Phillips, Club Secretary at aphillips@snowshoemtn.com or 304-339-4012. There are only 200 tickets available. The drawing is May 7th 2008. The members are sponsoring a very aggressive summer project in July. They will be sponsoring a Liberty Festival in conjunction with

Snowshoe mountain's freedom fest. The Liberty Festival will be located at the bottom of the mountain just off Rt. 219. A band has been chosen and other plans are coming together. The members are exploring other possibilities to involve the community to enable contributions to other Lions programs as well as being able to assist their residents with any needs that exist with hearing and sight. Let's support the Snowshoe/Slaty Fork Lions Club!

Thank you Lions of 29N for all you do!

District 29N "LET'S ROLL!!!!"

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Message from VDG Harvey Galford

PU 101 forms for new incoming officers 2008-09. Please send VDG Harvey a copy at h_galford@yahoo.com

These should be completed by the First meeting in MAY or sooner.

Make your RESERVATIONS for the Multi-District Convention in Huntington WV April 25, 26, and 27.

Harvey Galford

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 15, 2008 – Zone 2 Social at the White Horse in Fayetteville. Reservations need to be forwarded to Lion Gary Holliday by April 10th. The cost will be \$8.00 and we welcome guests.

April 17, 2008 – Zone 1 Social and Chinese Auction at Mt. Hope Lions Club. Cost of the meal is \$8.00; respond to Lion Gerri Jackson by April 10.

April 19, 2008 - Worldwide Induction Day

April 25-27, 2008 – State Convention: Pullman Square, Huntington, WV
(Application is attached)

April 27, 2008 - 4th Cabinet Meeting at State Convention

June 14, 2008 - Awards Ceremony at Mount Hope Lions Club, Mount Hope

The Teresa Johnson Memorial Strides Walk will be held during our upcoming State Convention in Huntington at 4:00 pm Saturday, April 26th. One of Teresa's dreams was for MD29 to hold an annual Strides Walk to bring awareness to youth diabetes and to raise funds for our youth diabetes projects. You are invited to come take part in this walk in Teresa's memory and raise pledges for youth diabetes projects. For more information contact PDG Dan Dague at 304-639-9933. A pledge sheet is attached.

Reminder:

PU101's: Club President's and Club Secretaries - Get those PU 101's to Lions Clubs International and the District Governor as soon as your elections are held.

PU101's must be in no later than **May 15th 2008**. **Failure to comply will result in Club Officers not receiving materials needed to properly operate their respective Club in the year 2008-2009 and will lead to erroneous information in the MD Directories.**

IN REMEMBRANCE

I want to share with you the comments of Sutton Lions Club Secretary Treasurer, Lion Rick Thorn on the recent loss of a Great Lion. ***"PDG Jeniver Jones of the Sutton, WV Lions Club passed away on February 14, 2008. Lion Jeniver was recently awarded his 60 Year Charter Monarch Chevron. He was the last Charter Member of the Sutton Lions Club, which was Chartered in December 1947. In addition to serving as District Governor of 29N in 1963-1964, he was Trustee of the West Virginia Lions Sight Foundation, Inc. for 16 years and was Vice President and President for two years in each office. Locally he served in many offices of his Club, including President in 1962-1963. He was instrumental in the Formation of the Annual Braxton County homecoming event, the Club's primary fund raiser, which survived for 50 years. He was the Monarch of our Club until the last month of his life. He lived his life by the Lions Motto "We Serve."*** Thank you Lion Rick, I am sure that anyone that came in contact with Lion Jeniver will remember him. He will be missed by us all." DG Garland

CLUB NEWS

BECKLEY LIONS CLUB

Beckley now meets at St. Luke Lutheran Church on Maxwell Hill Road.

Their annual Style Show will be held at Tamarack April 5th at 2:00 pm in the auditorium. Come and see a couple Lions "strut their stuff"!

GAULEY BRIDGE LIONS CLUB

Lion Joe Kania was surprised with an 80th birthday party on March 1st. He and his family requested no gifts; those wanting to give a remembrance were encouraged to donate to the Lions Club. A total of \$520 was donated in Lion Joe's honor.

Lions Trivia



Test your Lions EYE Q

1. _____ is a member who has been a Lion for 15 or more years, but who, due to illness or another legitimate reason, must relinquish his/her active status. This type of member has the right to vote but is not eligible to hold office.

- A. Active Member
- B. Privileged Member
- C. Affiliate Member
- D. Life member

2. A Club is considered chartered when _____

- A. The Charter has been officially issued
- B. The District Governor has signed the application
- C. The founding members have signed the application
- D. The international director has signed the application

3. The international Constitution mandates that all members conform their conduct to the Code of Ethics as adopted by lions Clubs international.

- A. True
- B. False

4. Each past District Governor who is a member of a Club in the District is granted full delegate status at each District Convention, independent of the Club delegate quota

- A. Automatically
- B. If the past District Governor requests it.
- C. If the District Constitution and By-laws provides for it.
- D. If the Club requires it.

KUDOS TO:

To all Zone Chairs and Clubs who are conducting Zone Socials. Keep up the great work!

To Lion President Rodena Belcher, Leo Club Advisor and the White Sulphur Springs Lions Club for the formation and sponsorship of the Eastern Greenbrier Middle School Leo Club - Way to go!!

Due to the resignation of Lion Quentin Stewart as the Leadership Chairman, I have appointed PDG Steve Moss to assume those duties immediately. Thank you PDG Steve for coming forward and volunteering to accept those duties.

District Governor Travels

April 5, 2008 - at 2:00 p.m. - Beckley Lions Club Fashion Show at Tamarack

April 15, 2008 - Zone 2 Social at Fayetteville Lions Club

April 19, 2008 - Zone 5 Project at Ronceverte

April 23-25 - Extension Workshop

April 25-27 - MD29 State Convention at Pullman Square, Huntington

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Durbin Lions Club

Sponsor

Lion Carolyn Hevener

Lion William Hevener

Gary Lions Club

Sponsor

Lion Bonita Hird
Lion Patricia Price

Lion James Hird
Lion Robert Sadler

Lion Priscilla Price Lion Kenneth Valko
Mount Hope Lions Club Sponsor
Lion Carol Webb Lion Judith Rothenberger

CLUB ANNIVERSARY DATES

Bluefield: April 8, 1922 86 years
Burnsville: April 2, 1925 83 years
Cowen: April 9, 1945 63 years
laeger: April 4, 1955 53 years
Ronceverte: April 24, 1946 62 years
Snowshoe/
Slaty Fork: April 3, 2007 - 1 year –
Happy First Anniversary - Good Luck

Youth Exchange News

WV Lions Youth Exchange Committee is seeking host families for four exchange students from Finland (late June to beginning of August). If interested, **contact YE chairperson Cindy Glass** at 304-842-4132 or scjglass@aol.com. Thanks.

Answers to Lions Trivia

1. Answer: B. Privileged Member
2. Answer: A. (International Constitution, Art III, sec.2)
3. Answer: B. False (There is no mandate specifically addressing adherence to the Code of Ethics but it is suggested in the Member Induction Pledge)
4. Answer: C. International by-laws, Art. V sec.8



Communication is Key

Information to be included in the newsletter should be in by the 20th of each month.

Notes from International

The **NEW** website application (WMMR) is up and running.

The old membership reporting site is still operational and will continue until **July 28, 2006**.

We encourage use of the new membership web site (WMMR) because of its increased capabilities and flexibility over the old site.

If you use the old membership reporting system, please do not use the new membership web site to submit the same MMR data and vice versa. Also, data entered into the old membership reporting system may not be reflected in the new membership web site for at least 2 to 4 weeks.

For the old membership reporting system - your access codes remain the same as they have been for the past year - your 6-digit club number, including the leading zero(s), and 6-digit password. If you don't have these access codes and would like them, please [e-mail us](#).

If you have problems with the OLD membership reporting system, please [e-mail us](#).

If you have problems with the new membership web site (WMMR), please [e-mail us](#).

Instructional material for the new membership web site (WMMR) may be found at the following link: <http://www3.lionsclubs.org/docs/quickreferenceguide.pdf>

Come to the WV State Convention!

Pullman Square Hotel – 1-866-613-3611

The District Breakfast will be held on Sunday April 27, 2008. You must purchase a ticket to attend the breakfast. The cost of the tickets will be \$13.00. Tickets may be purchased from Lion Lisa Keffer, Cabinet Secretary, and **must be purchased by April 21, 2008**.

Sight Conservation Note:

This newsletter (attached) from the West Virginia University Eye Institute should correct many of the rumors, innuendos, and false information that seems to be circulating in our Multiple District. I can assure you, the members, that as a member of the Council of Governors, I am serving in the best interest of all Lions of West Virginia. The Trustees of the West Virginia Sight Foundation, Inc. are spending your donations wisely and for good cause. PDG John Pinkerman who was just appointed to the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the West Virginia Sight Foundation, Inc is serving with great Integrity and Accountability. Thank all who have contributed to this worthy cause and may we continue our mission as "We Serve."

Garland Burke, District Governor 29N

**86th WEST VIRGINIA LIONS STATE CONVENTION
PULLMAN SQUARE HOTEL
HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA
APRIL 25, 26 & 27, 2008**

**Registration Fee: \$ 70.00 if paid by March 25, 2008
\$ 80.00 if paid after March 25, 2008
Make check payable to: MD 29 Convention**

PULLMAN SQUARE HOTEL
1001 Third Avenue
Huntington, West Virginia 25701

**FEE: \$89.00 plus tax
Telephone 1-866-613-3611**

ENTERTAINMENT FRIDAY EVENING: The 1937 Flood

(The Band, not the natural disaster) There will also be dancing for the evening as well as hospitality rooms to visit. The WV Lions Past District Governors will be honored at the Friday evening banquet as well as the presentation of the Dudley L. Simms Award. WWII Medal of Honor winner, Woodie Williams will present a short patriotic program prior to the dinner.

ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAY LUNCH: A "Very Unusual" Fashion Show. Followed by the introduction of each District's Cabinet members.

SATURDAY EVENING: Following VP Brandel's address on Saturday, dancing will be in order with music provided by Lion Bobby Dorado.

REGISTRATION FORM (Please print or type clearly)

___Lion, ___Lioness _____

_____ Name

Name for Name Tag

Address City State Zip Code

Home Phone Business Phone Email

_____ Club Name District

If you have special dietary requirements, please advise:

**Send payment and reservation to: John Pinkerman, PO Box 162, Lesage, WV 25537
Hospitality Rooms will be open each evening!**

West Virginia University Eye Institute

WVU Eye Institute Receives Five-Year \$100,000 Grant From WV Lions

The donation, announced Sunday, January 27, during the state Lions Leadership School in Morgantown, marks the largest pledge made by the Lions foundation in its history.

“The WVU Eye Institute is extremely appreciative of this tremendous gift from the WV Lions community,” said Dr. Judie F. Charlton, newly appointed chair of the WVU Eye Institute. “This \$100,000 investment will dramatically advance our research program to develop vision-saving treatments and care for people in West Virginia and throughout the world.”

The pledge to be made over a five-year period will be used to purchase essential research equipment to advance the WVU Eye Institute’s ongoing and new state-of-the-art clinical and basic science research.

The WVU Eye Institute values our long-time relationship with the Lions of West Virginia. This grant furthers their legacy of supporting vision conservation in West Virginia,” noted Dr. Charles Moore, assistant professor of Ophthalmology and West Virginia Lions liaison. The West Virginia Lions have a long history of providing support to the Institute, which provides vision care to patients from all 55 counties in West Virginia.

“This gift demonstrates the commitment and partnership between the Lions of WV and the WVU Eye Institute’s research program to provide treatment and find cures for sight related diseases,” said Paul Amrhein, president of the board of trustees of the WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation.

The Institute’s research center was launched in late 2005 with a focus on researching vision areas including glaucoma, childhood blindness, low vision, night blindness, biochemistry of the eye, genetics of the eye, retina, and cornea.

During the past two years, the WVU Institute has recruited and hired three new basic scientists who are leading the research program. In

addition, several clinical research projects are underway.

For more information on the WVU Eye Institute and to learn more about its research program, call 304-598-4843 or visit www.wvueye.com.

[Note from Judie F. Charlton, MD, Chair, WVU Eye Institute](#)

For nearly forty years, the WVU Eye Institute has partnered with the Lions of WV to improve the vision health of West Virginia’s people. This amazing gift from the WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation is so greatly appreciated by our faculty, staff, researchers, and patients.

I want you to know that the WVU Eye Institute will be very good stewards of your gift and ensure that every dollar goes toward its intended purpose of acquiring much needed research equipment. Your gift is not just a valuable investment, but one that can be used to leverage additional funds to advance our research program to find answers to preventing and curing blindness.

Not only do I thank the WV Lions SCF, but every Lions and Leo Club across WV that has made a gift to the Sight Foundation through the years. Your gifts are making great things happen. I look forward to our work together throughout the future.

DID YOU KNOW?

The WVU Eye Institute Appalachian Center for Vision Rehabilitation (Low Vision Center) continues to provide low vision services through its clinic located on the second floor of the Eye Institute.

The WVU Eye Institute’s leadership has strategically focused its services delivered in this area with the care provided by our Occupational Therapist, Heather Rowan. These services are

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offered to patients of the traditional low vision category whose functions of daily living and quality of life can be improved through the use of Low Vision Aids and who can be counseled on their use.

There are those patients with only moderate vision loss whose visual and functional efficiency can be enhanced through the use of selected aids.

Dynavision is a new low vision service that will soon be available. It assists patients in utilizing their remaining visual field.

For more information about the Low Vision Center, please contact Heather Rowan at 304-598-6961 and to schedule an appointment, please call 304-598-4820.

OUR LOW VISION PATIENT REFERRALS MIGHT INCLUDE:

1. Any patient with compromised vision, ocular or neurological, who does not respond to regular prescription glasses.
2. Patients who need magnifiers, telescopes, video magnification, computerized aids, or filters.
3. Patients with decreased vision and contrast problems.
4. Patients with a diagnosis of AMD, diabetes, etc., who require further education regarding their disease and how it affects their visual function.
5. Patients who need "blind services" such as white cane or financial assistance will be referred to the proper agency.



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