



The Association Echo

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The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of tiny pushes of each honest worker – Helen Keller

Chairman's Chants

Welcome to the very first issue of our Association newsletter. We hope to publish this newsletter quarterly to keep our Association members informed of important events and happenings around the multiple district and provide members the opportunity to stay in touch with one another. The publication of this first issue fulfills one of our two goals for this year, publication of an Association newsletter. The other goal for this year is to publish a revised and more complete Association Policy Manual. I am pleased to report at this time that PDG Steve Moss has completed a proposed policy manual, which will be vetted through the Association Executive Board then through the entire membership of the Association. Hopefully, it will be ready for discussion and vote at the January 5th meeting of the Association.

Please feel free to share information about our members who are ill, have moved, lost loved ones, or have blessings to share. We hope that this newsletter will allow us to keep up on the latest news of our members and spouses. You can call me at (304) 842-4132 or email me at scjglass@aol.com.

Enjoy, and here's wishing you and yours a joyous and peaceful Thanksgiving!

Membership Matters

PCC Connie Moore is now back home (421 James Street, Bridgeport, WV 26330) after a short convalescence at Maplewood Senior Living Community.

We are saddened to learn of the passing of PDG Bill Caldwell, a life member of the Ravenswood Lions Club. PDG Bill served during 1955-56 in what was then 29-A.

It was good to see PDG and former Association Chairman Fred Runyon at the District 29-N Conference. Fred recently lost his lovely wife of many years, Carole, to complications from diabetes.

It was also good to see PDG Art Burnell and PDG Floyd and Lion Doris McClung. Lions Floyd and Doris were very instrumental in extending a new club in Mathews, NC, where Floyd serves as the Guiding Lion.

Our thoughts, hopes, and prayers for a total recovery remain with PDG Norm Jackson as he continues his struggle with cancer. Norm's new email address is gerri2@verizon.net.

Congratulations to the family of the late PDG Teresa Johnson who was posthumously awarded a progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship during the Saturday evening banquet at the 29-N Conference.

On the Horizon

MD-29 Council of Governors Meeting will be held at 9:00 A.M. on January 5, 2008 at the Pullman Plaza Hotel in Huntington, WV. For room reservations call 1-866-613-3611.

WVPDGA Winter Meeting will be held on January 5, 2008 following the MD-29 Council of Governors Meeting.

West Virginia Lions Leadership School will be held on January 25-27, 2008 at the Waterfront Place Hotel in Morgantown. Early registration deadline for the \$100.00 registration fee is 12/15/07. For room reservations, call (304) 296-1700. The WVLLS Chairperson is Lion Jeff Baxter, (304) 904-0123 or wvlionjeff@digitalconnections.net.

The 2008 West Virginia Lions State Convention will be held on April 25-27, 2008 at the Pullman Plaza Hotel in Huntington, WV. For more information contact PDG John Pinkerman at (304) 736-8075 or wvlions@comcast.net.

The 2008 Lions International Convention will be held in Bangkok, Thailand on June 23-27, 2008. Serving our Association as 2008 Chairperson is PCC Paul Wheeler. Paul can be reached at 304-746-4415 or pwhee71827@aol.com.

Association Archives

At its October 13th meeting, the Association endorsed the following recommendations of the Executive Board:

- ⇒ The two goals for the Association, which were previously mentioned in the *Chairman's Chants* column;
- ⇒ A year-end Appreciation Banquet to honor the outgoing Council – see details in the following column;
- ⇒ Creation of a MD-29 banner to pass from council to council;
- ⇒ A short memorial service for deceased Association members at the State Convention PDGA Luncheon.

Council Appreciation Banquet

A committee consisting of PID Fred Cole (29-L), PDG Marshall Reed (29-I), PCC Paul Wheeler (29-O), and PCC Dennis Keffer (29-N) was appointed to develop a format; select a site, date, and time; develop an agenda and menu; and select a speaker for our inaugural appreciation banquet. That committee met as requested and is pleased to report the following:

The inaugural MD-29 Council Appreciation Banquet will be held at the Mount Hope Lions Club Center on Saturday, August 23, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. The cost of the meal and festivities for the evening will be \$10.00 per person. The menu is not set at this time; however, the price is firm. This banquet will be open to all Lions, not just Association members. The committee hopes to secure PIP Frank Moore as the keynote speaker. More details will be forthcoming at a later time, but please mark your calendars now and plan to come celebrate with us.

Our Mission: The West Virginia Past District Governor's Association shall strive to improve the stature of Lionism in West Virginia. It shall also strive to increase attendance at, and formulate all plans for the State's participation in International Conventions.