



**International Association of Lions Clubs**

**WEST VIRGINIA LIONS  
DISTRICT 29-I**

**District Governor David Nicolson**

**Volume 1 #1 July 2011**



It happened in Seattle. July 8, 2011 at the 94th International Convention in Seattle, WA I was installed as the 2011-12 District Governor of 29 I. Dr. Wing Kun Tam from Hong Kong, China was installed as International President of Lions Club International. He is the first President of LCI from China. Wayne Madden from Indiana was installed as First Vice President.

President Tam's theme this year is "I Believe" He believes that one person can make a difference. He believes that the entire world can be changed when we come together as Lions. He believes that changing a life – or the world- starts with each one of us. He believes in the "Power of One". Believing is different from thinking because it has three other Key elements: Courage – Commitment- Action.

A strong belief creates a sense of courage to try things others thought impossible. You need commitment to try and try again and to inspire others to follow you; and finally you need to take action.

It was these qualities that helped Melvin Jones create a cultural organization around a belief in the value of giving back and the belief that one person can make a difference. He believed in his idea of creating an organization that would serve people in need. He had the courage to follow through with his idea; he was committed to make the organization a success; and he took the necessary action to bring everything to fruition.

President Tam has three special goals this year:

- Strengthening and retaining our membership by taking care of fellow members as if they were family.
- Expanding our service to new heights, propelled by a special campaign to plant one million trees.
- Nurturing our future by involving more young people and LEO's in all that we do.

President Tam believes that Service Projects will attract new members. He believes in expanding our service to new heights, propelled by a special campaign to plant one million trees.

On Saturday, July 2 the campaign to plant a million trees started. The District Governor Elects, their spouses/ companions gathered at the Washington Seattle Convention Center.. Each DGE planted a tree in a gallon size pot which will be transplanted next spring in the Seattle area.

Can you imagine 752 Governor Elects and spouses/companions dressed in our DG blazers with plastic aprons planting a tree. It was mass confusion. But we all planted a tree.

Each Governor Elect pledged the number of trees his/her District would plant prior to having a picture taken with President Tam. I pledged 1,000 trees for our district. I believe that we can plant 1,000 plus trees.

This was the first International Convention that Lion Janice and I have attended. We didn't know what to expect and were apprehensive. To our surprise we enjoyed every aspect of the convention including the training and plenary sessions.

Seattle is a beautiful city and we enjoyed sightseeing every chance we got; especially the Space Needle which is 605 feet tall. The view from atop the needle was awesome. The convention was well planned and the hosts are to be congratulated.

DG Dave



## **FIRST THOUGHTS** FVDG Barbara Fishel

July 1 brings such excitement in the world of Lionism. New clubs, new members, and new officers. It has been my pleasure to install new officers for several clubs during the past month. The excitement that is showing in these new officers is so contagious. When I installed the new President at a small club last week, you could just feel the excitement in the air. When the outgoing President handed the gavel over to the new incoming President, she took the gavel and I was in awe seeing how she automatically took over and started to lead her club into the new year. I was impressed so much that it brought tears to my eyes. That is what we mean when we say we need to "prepare" our members to start climbing that ladder of leadership. We have Lions who are ready to guide their clubs to "new horizons" in the coming year. Some are first time officers and others are seasoned Lions who have served their clubs for many years. However, each one is ready to begin to serve in their respective offices. I want to encourage each club member to support your new officers. They will be able to do their job more effectively if they have the support of their fellow Lions. Give them that support they need and the results will be stronger clubs in our district.

I am sure each one of us is enjoying this beautiful summer weather. Now would be a good time to get out and visit a neighboring club or two and see how other clubs operate. We can gain valuable insight into Lionism by visiting other clubs and seeing other clubs in action. There are clubs out there involved in some fantastic fundraising activities and they are raising funds to support many different Lions activities. Make an effort to visit clubs during the next year and see what other clubs are involved in. District Governor visits are a good place to start with visitation and I am sure DG Dave would appreciate your support.

By "Working Together" (which is DG Dave's theme for this year), we can achieve greater results and reach our goals more effectively.

Remember, WE ARE LIONS, and WE SERVE!!!!

## **LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF)**

By PCC Steve Glass, District 29-I Coordinator

Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) is Lions Clubs International's largest service project. From helping people all over the world recover from natural disasters to establishing eyeglass recycling centers and medical eye banks, LCIF assists local Lions clubs in delivering services to those in need where clubs don't have the financial means to do so.

This past year clubs all across our district were very generous in supporting LCIF. I am asking clubs to once again be very generous with your giving to LCIF. Our district goal this year is \$21,000.00, which represents a 5% increase over last year. During your planning retreats please seriously consider giving generously to your Foundation.

I will make myself available as my schedule permits to come to your club and zone meetings to present programs on LCIF. I will especially emphasize what LCIF grants have meant to West Virginia over the years of LCIF's existence. I will also try to keep you informed through the district web site and newsletter on current activities and events of interest to you. Please visit LCIF's recently-established web site at [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org) to learn more about LCIF.

If at any time you want to know the status of your club's donations to LCIF or how much your club has on deposit with LCIF toward a Melvin Jones Fellowship, please contact me at [scjglass@aol.com](mailto:scjglass@aol.com) or 304-203-2988. On the LCIF web site you can find the form for applying for a MJF (LCIF 42M-EN 2/11).

Please also keep in mind that the West Virginia Lions Charitable Foundation is promoting the sale of raffle tickets this year on the opportunity to win four mixed quarters of beef. Several clubs in our district have already taken 100 tickets to sell, with all of the proceeds benefitting LCIF. The drawing will be held on Sunday, November 5th at District 29-N's Conference. If your club is interested in purchasing tickets or taking tickets to sell, please contact PCC Gary Van Horn at 304-258-3261 or [gvanhorn3@frontier.net](mailto:gvanhorn3@frontier.net).

# CALENDAR

June 29 – July 9	International Convention, Seattle, WA
July 12	Jane Lew Lions Club Installation of Officers by DG
July 16	First Council of Governor’s Meeting, Charles Town – 10:00 a.m.
July 16	WV Sight Foundation Meeting, Charles Town – 1:00 p.m.
July 16	PDG Appreciation Dinner, Charles Town – 4:00 p.m.
July 21	Thomas Davis Lions Club Recognition Dinner
July 26	D.G. Visit Wilsonburg/North View Area LC - Lake Floyd - 6:30 p.m.
August 6	First Cabinet Meeting – Charles Town Lions Den, Ranson - 10:30 a.m.
August 7	Ron Hensley State Golf Tournament, Fountain Springs
August 13	DG Visit to Mt. Storm LC (Picnic) 2:00 p.m.
August 22	DG Visit to Tennerton LC (Picnic) North River Park - 6:00 p.m.
August 24	DG Visit to Wardensville LC (Picnic)
September 22 – 24	USA Canada Lion Leadership Forum – Anchorage, Alaska
September 30 – Oct. 1	District O Fall Conference – McCoy Inn, Ripley, WV
October 6	DG Visit to Mountain LC, Ambog United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.
October 12	DG Visit to Harper’s Ferry/Bolivar LC – Anvil Rest., Harpers Ferry – 6:30 p.m.
October 17	DG Visit to Kesling Mills LC, Kesling Mills Comm. Center - 6:30 p.m.
October 18	DG Visit to Inwood Bunker Hill LC, S. Berkeley Baptist Church – 6:30 p.m.
October 21-22	District 29 I Convention, Bridgeport Conference Center
November 3	DG Visit to Bridgeport LC, Bridgeport Civic Center - 6:30 p.m.
November 4 - 5	District N Conference, Pipestem State Park
November 6	WV Sight Foundation Meeting, Pipestem State Park – 9:00 a.m.
December 1	DG Visit to Romney LC – 6:30 p.m.



## DISTRICT 29 I CABINET - 2011-2012

David R. Nicholson	District Governor
Barbara Fishel	First Vice District Governor
George Quinn	Second Vice District Governor
Cindy Glass	Immediate Past District Governor/Publicity
Becky Minor	Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer
PCC Gary Van Horn	District Global Leadership Coordinator
PCC Steve Glass	District Global Membership Coordinator
Mickey Nardella	Newsletter Editor
Mark Malone	IT Chair
Bob Allen	Convention
Buck Ferguson	Contests
Joe Carrico	Sight & Hearing Conservation
Howard "Rusty" Mall	Diabetes Awareness
Frank McGhee	Romney Student Work Program
Linda Ott	Leader Dog/Pilot Dog
Vickie Walton	Quest
Sandra Phillips	Youth Exchange
Doug Long	Youth/LEO/Peace Poster
Donna Brown	Blind Ski Recreation
PDG Billie Nichols	MESU Coordinator
Paul Hamrick	Environmental
PCC Trish Glennon	Zone 1 Chair
Jim Price	Zone 2 Chair
Carolyn Bowman	Zone 3 Chair
Bill Larew	Zone 4 Chair
Larry Alkire	Zone 5 Chair
Nancy Ware	Zone 6 Chair
Robert Sypolt	Zone 7 Chair
Drew Tate	Zone 8 Chair
David Minor	Zone 9 Chair
Danny Moyer	Zone 10 Chair



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR 29 I CONTEST 2011-12

**PURPOSE:** To provide growth, leadership development, club extension, retention of membership and to encourage timely reports and administration responsibility among clubs.

**AWARDS:** First, second and third place for both large clubs (with more than 30 members as of June 30, 2011 and small clubs with 30 or fewer members as of June 30, 2011.

**RULES:** Contest begins on July 1, 2011 and ends on March 31, 2012. Activities must be reported on the MMR and MAR reports submitted to the District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors, Zone Chairperson and Contest Chairperson. A copy of the MMR and MAR must be received by the 10th of the following month to the contest chairperson: Lion Buck Ferguson, 211 Hice Street, Belington, WV 26250.

1. For each new, reinstated or transferred member reported on the MMR	200 pts
2. For each member dropped, except for death or transfer, deduct	100 pts
3. For holding a new member orientation ...	200 pts
Use of District Cabinet Chairperson or Global Membership Team Member	200 pts
4. For sponsoring a new club.	500 pts
5. For sponsoring a new LEO club.	250 pts
6. For sponsoring a Friendship or Membership Recruitment Night	200 pts
7. For each member who attends a scheduled Zone meeting of their respective Zone. President and Secretary (200 each)	200 pts
For each additional club member (verification by Zone Chair	50 pts
8. For each member attending District 29 I Fall Conference	200 pts
9. For each member attending a District Conference other than District I	200 pts
10. For each member attending WV Leadership School	300 pts
Incoming President and Secretary (Bonus 100 pts. each)	100 pts
11. For each member who attends MD State Convention. Registration fee and registration form must be completed and submitted to convention Chairperson and listed on the MAR.	300 pts
12. For each club officer who attends a scheduled New Officer Training (each officer 300 points)	300 pts
13. For each month the MMR is received by DG and LCI by the end of month	200 pts
14. For each month the MAR is received by DG by the 10th day of the following month	200 pts
15. For payment of State and LCI Dues by August 15 and second half by February 15 (each half)	250 pts
16. For contributing \$1,000.00 to LCIF and \$1,000.00 to WVLSCF (each)	500 pts
17. For contributing to any Lion Sanctioned programs or activities (each program)	50 pts
18. For sponsoring a youth to any camp (H.O.B.Y., Boys/Girl State, etc.)	200 pts
19. For awarding a scholarship to a graduating senior for college/trade school each student	200 pts
20. For any club hosting a youth, pursuant to the Youth Exchange Program per youth	250 pts
21. For participating in Flag Day Program (each event)	150 pts
22. For sponsoring a Peace Poster Contest (each entry)	200 pts
23. For each club program presented by a Cabinet chairperson, or Global Membership or Global Leadership Team or WVLSCF Trustee or District State Coordinator.	300 pts
24. Receiving District Newsletter in the electronic format (each month)	50 pts
Copy or share District Newsletter with club members (each month)	50 pts
25. For confirming District Governor visit by August 31	300 pts
26. For each member that attends the International Convention or USA Canada Leadership Forum	100 pts
27. For each Melvin Jones and Leonard Jarrett presented (each)	200 pts
28. For sponsoring the MESU or the Portable Eye Screening Units or host an eye screening clinic or Health Fair ( per event)	100 pts
29. For sponsoring youth activities such as Little League, etc.	150 pts
30. For sponsoring a community service project such as Adopt A Highway, food baskets for the needy,	150 pts

MMR (Monthly Membership Report)

MAR (Monthly Activity Report)

## DISTRICT 29 I PUBLICITY CONTEST 2011-12

**PURPOSE:** To raise public awareness of the services that Lions Clubs provide to their communities. In the process, clubs can attract new quality members and gain public support for their fundraisers.

**AWARDS:** First, second and third place for both large clubs (with more than 30 members as of June 30, 2011) and small clubs (with 30 or fewer members as of June 30, 2011)

**RULES:** The contest begins on July 1, 2011 and ends March 31, 2012. All articles or items of publication must be post marked by the 10th of the month following the publication, airing or telecast and sent to the District Contest Chairman. In areas where there are both a morning and evening edition of a newspaper, only one edition's article will be counted. Where announcements of fundraisers or service projects are duplicated in Forum, such as "Community Calendar of Events", only one printing, airing or telecast will be counted for each event. Where radio or television is utilized, a reporter, station manager or news director must sign proof of the broadcast. News articles must have the name of the newspaper and the date article appeared attached to the news article.

1. Newspaper article (without photo) of a club service project, fundraiser, club meeting or program speaker 25 pts
2. Newspaper article (with photo) of a club service project, fundraiser, club meeting or program speaker 50 pts
3. Radio coverage of club service project, fundraiser, club meeting or program Speaker (limited to one airing) 100 pts
4. Television coverage of club service project, fundraiser, club meeting or program Speaker (limited to one telecast) 200 pts
5. Public service announcement on radio or television promoting any Lion sponsored program or projects being specifically sponsored by the club (one airing or telecast) 200 pts
6. Opinion editorials or special articles promoting any club sponsored program or special event 200 pts
7. Publication of club newsletter copy must be submitted to Contest Chairperson (50 points per month) 50 pts
8. New Highway sign erected or replacement of existing sign promoting the Club or Lionism . . . . . Report on MAR 200 pts
9. Establish and maintain a club web page. Web site must be kept current monthly and web site address submitted to District Contest Chair (200 points per month) 200 pts
10. Publication of club fundraiser in District Newsletter preceding event Report on MAR 100 pts
11. Recycled Lions magazines placed in public locations (Doctors' office, Library, etc.) Report on MAR each issue 20 pts. 20 pts

Some activities will need to be reported on the MAR and submitted to the District Contest Chairman, Buck Ferguson, 211 Hice Street, Belington, WV 26250.

## DISTRICT 29 I VISITATION CONTEST 2011-12

**PURPOSE:** To provide inter-club fellowship, share ideas and provide the opportunity to learn about new projects and new ideas for fundraisers. To promote opportunities for membership growth and to learn more about Lionism.

**AWARDS:** First, second and third place for both large clubs (with more than 30 members as of June 30, 2011) and small clubs (with 30 or fewer members as of June 30, 2011) and ends March 31, 2012.

**RULES:** Contest starts on July 1, 2011 and ends on March 31, 2012. Points will be awarded for each visit to any club. Multiple club meetings will earn points from each club. District Governor and both First and Second Vice District Governors will not be counted except for visitations made outside District 29 I. Visitation slips for the preceding months visit must be received by the District Contest Chairperson by the 10th of the following month, all visitation slips must be sent to Buck Ferguson, 211 Hice Street, Belington, WV 26250

1. Any Lion making a visit to a regularly scheduled meeting of another host club. 20 pts.
2. Bonus for visiting all clubs in a Zone. 100 pts.
3. Bonus for visiting all clubs in District. 500 pts.
4. Visit to another clubs service project or participates in supporting another Club's scheduled fundraiser. Must be present at the activity. Purchasing raffle tickets, elimination dinner tickets or lottery tickets do not qualify. Visitation slips must be completed and signed by host club president, secretary or host club officer.  
Visits Fundraiser..... 15 points per Lion 15 pts  
Participates in Fundraiser....25 points per Lion 25 pts
5. Each Lion who visits a Club outside District 29 I 30 pts.
6. Other club or MD events (each visit) 30 pts.

### DISTRICT 29-I VISITATION SLIP

Name of Club Visited \_\_\_\_\_

Visiting Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Visiting Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Visit \_\_\_\_\_

Check One: Club Meeting \_\_\_\_\_ Club Activity \_\_\_\_\_ Assisted Club With Project \_\_\_\_\_

Club Secretary or President \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Send to Buck Ferguson, District Contests Chair, 21 Hice Street, Buckhannon, WV, 26250

## **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

by Global Membership Team Chairperson PCC Steve Glass

As the new year begins and club leaders are setting goals and planning strategy for the coming year, I am asking each club to set a net membership growth goal. In addition to providing excellent community service, each club must focus its time, energy and talent on membership recruitment and membership involvement if we are to keep our clubs strong and viable. New members mean more hands, more hearts and new ideas to keep our clubs fresh and vibrant.

I invite each club officer to visit LCI's website under Member Center, then Resources, to look for ideas on membership recruitment and membership retention. I have asked our Information Technology Chairperson, Mark Malone, to create a link from the district website ([www.wvlions29i.blogspot.com](http://www.wvlions29i.blogspot.com)) where I will provide many useful tools to assist clubs with membership recruitment ideas and retention strategies. I am also willing to provide programs at zone and club meetings. In order to maximize my efforts and promote efficiency, I am requesting that clubs have joint meetings and invite me to present a program on membership issues.

Let us not forget also to focus our energies on new club extension. I am asking club leaders and zone chairpersons to assist me in identifying areas where a new club or a branch club can be extended. Membership is every Lion's responsibility. Working together we can strengthen clubs and extend Lionism into new areas. I plan to use this format to talk about membership matters in each issue. I look forward to serving with and for you this year.

## **GLASS ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Multiple District 29 has the opportunity to put forth a candidate for International Director in 2012 or 2013. I would like to be the candidate to represent MD 29. The process will begin with an election to be held for District 29-I's candidate at the Fall Convention, which will be held on October 20-21, 2011 at the Bridgeport Conference Center.

I have previously announced my intention to be a candidate for the office of International Director at the Cabinet Meeting held in Clarksburg this past January. I also made my intentions known at a couple of zone meetings this past spring. I am herein again announcing that I am a candidate for the office of International Director from District 29-I, and I seek your support and vote for this high office. On June 6, 2011, I celebrated 30 years as a member of the Lions Club of Clarksburg and have served in every office and position that qualifies me to be your representative on the International Board. I have sought and received the endorsement of my home club prior to announcing my intentions to run for this high office.

Over the next four months, I look forward to visiting with many of you again and meeting some of you for the first time. I will be providing you information on my qualifications and service to Lionism in the near future. In the meantime, if you have any questions, you may contact me at 304-203-2988 or at [scjglass@aol.com](mailto:scjglass@aol.com). I look forward to having the opportunity to serve my fellow Lions in District 29-I and MD 29.

**Lion Stephen M. Glass, Past Council Chairperso**

# IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO REGISTER FOR **THE 29-I FALL CONVENTION**

Do yourself and your club a favor - come to the Fall District Convention.  
"WORKING TOGETHER" good things will happen in 29-I  
Bridgeport Conference Center  
Friday, October 21 through Saturday, October 22, 2011

Registration Fee still only \$45.00

Includes:

Friday evening entertainment and festivities  
Saturday lunch, seminars, the evening banquet with entertainment  
(Saturday banquet only: \$25.00)

**Deadline for Convention Registration is October 7th**

Room Rates:

Wingate by Wyndham: \$89.00 plus tax (60 room reserved)  
304-808-1000

Cut-off date for Lions reservations is October 1st.

Wingate is attached to the conference center.

Nearby: (about one city block)

Microtel Inn & Suites  
304-808-2000

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District 29-I 2011 Fall Convention

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

First Time Attendee? \_\_\_\_\_ (yes or no)

Special Dietary Needs:

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Make checks payable to District 29-I Fall Convention  
Mail checks and reservation form to: Robert Allen  
246 Ridgeway Drive, Bridgeport, WV 26330-1152

DGE David R. Nicholson  
2011 – 2012  
**STRATEGIC PLAN**

**VISION**

For Lions in District 29 I taking action to increase membership and expand Lions service to new heights.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Provide Leadership to attract new members so clubs can provide the service needed in our communities and fulfill the mission of Lions Clubs International.

**THEME**

“Working Together”

TO Build stronger clubs

TO Increase Membership

TO Serve our communities

TO Provide help to those in need

TO Nurture our future

TO Protect our Images

**GOALS**

1. Increase Membership by 5% over the June 30, 2011 figure.
2. Encourage each club in the District to have at least twelve members
3. Extend one Lions Club and one LEO Club
4. Have each club in District conduct a signature service activity that brands the club.
5. Strengthen club membership by effective new member orientation and involvement.

President Elect Dr. Wing Kun Tam’s Theme for 2011-2012  
“I Believe”

**NOTICE OF FIRST CABINET MEETING**

The First Cabinet Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at the Charles Town Lion’s Den in Ranson, WV. Lunch will be provided to the cabinet members at no cost. A Lions Outing to the Charles Town Race Track will be available on Saturday evening for those who are interested.

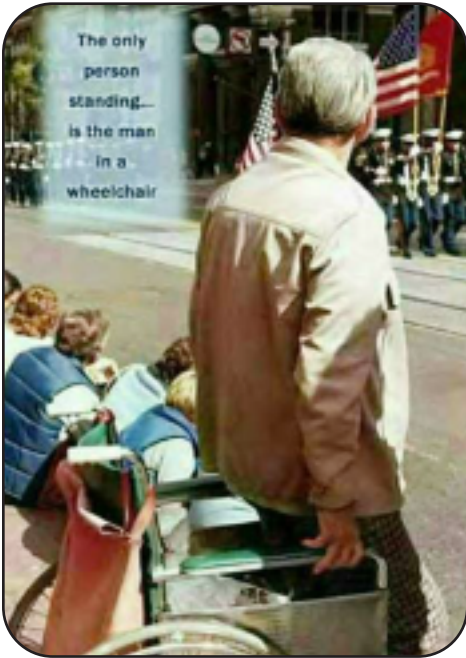
Directions and cost of the meal will be sent at a later date to the cabinet members.

**CLUB ACTIVITY**

Jane Lew Lions Club is sponsoring a Longaberger Thirty-One Bingo on Sunday, July 24, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the Park Building in Jane Lew.

\$20.00 for 20 games. Refreshments, Door prizes and Drawings.

Proceeds will be used for the “Suitcases 4 Kidz” for WV Foster Care Children. Call 302-884-7623 for tickets or purchase them at the door.



This photo "says a lot" about the younger or at least part of the younger generation!



Martinsburg Lion Sam (Sarge) Boynton, retired Army, is shown in third picture receiving an award for 7500 volunteer hours at the Martinsburg Veterans Center.



Lion Sam was selected to "stitch" the 9/11 flag touring the United States.



IP Wing Kun Tam's goal is to plant 1,000,000 trees around the world. DG Dave pledged 1,000 trees for District I. DG Dave says "I believe "working together" we can do this."



WV Lions at International Parade



MD DG's w-PID Dennis Cobler, Group Leader



MD 29 DG's and spouses



DG Dave, Janice and International President Wing Kun Tam



DG Dave and wife, Janice with planted tree



International President Wing Kun Tam Planting a Tree



WV Delegation at International Convention.

Clubs, cabinet members and individual Lions are encouraged to send news items and photos of their activities, to DG Dave at [dnicholson1@cebridge.net](mailto:dnicholson1@cebridge.net) by the 20th of the month for publication. Items not received by that date may go in the following month's publication. Thank you for your service and I look forward to working with you this year.



## **SILENT AUCTION**

*There will again be a Silent Auction at the 29-I Fall Convention, scheduled for October 21-22, at the Bridgeport Conference Center. Clubs and/or individual Lions are encouraged to provide nice items for bid.*

*This year's silent auction will be chaired by PDG Cindy Glass. Please contact her at (304) 842-4132 or at [scjglass@aol.com](mailto:scjglass@aol.com) for more information or to offer auction items.*

DG David R. Nicholson  
Rt. 1 Box 171-D3  
Lost Creek, WV 26385



### **What you can find this month...**

District Governor's Message  
Calendar of Events  
Lots of Club News  
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Photo Gallery  
...and More!