

My Clubs, My Family, My Pride

West Virginia District 29-N

From the District Governor's Desk

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Greetings from your District Governor who cannot believe it is already December!

We had a very successful fall conference at Pipestem and if you weren't there, you missed a GREAT time. The entertainment was wonderful, starting Friday night with Wayne Allen and ending with Lion Bobby Dorado on Saturday night. The Saturday lunch speaker, Scott Hill, was fantastic, funny and with unexpected, appropriate sound effects. The

Hospitality room, hosted by FVDG Linda Burke was filled with wonderful goodies that many Lions enjoyed both Friday and Saturday. The Cabinet meeting moved swiftly and provided good information for all who attended. ID Douglas Alexander's speech Saturday night was very informative. PCC Merlin Trickett and his wife, Linda, planted 150 trees in blue and yellow cups so everyone at the banquet had a tree to plant!!! YEA! The tree centerpieces looked wonderful on the tables. PCC Merlin

also had a Norway maple that we planted in the Pipestem Arboretum. He had a beautiful plaque made by a sheltered workshop that was placed beside the tree. What a pleasure to see the tree donated by the 29-N Lions. Y'all should be proud. The two seminars, presented by PDG Eva Dague and 2ndVDG Ray Byers were well attended and very informative. Over \$20,000 was raised for all the Lions charities and 6,644 pairs of eyeglasses were collected.

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Way to Go!!!!

Congratulations to Emily Cook, age 13, from Pineville Middle School. She was the winner from 64 entries for the Peace Poster contest. Her statement about her poster was, "Peace comes from all around us if we listen." Her poster has been forwarded to CC Kris Pinkerman. It will be judged along with the posters from the other Districts in WV. The winning poster will then go on to the next stage.

CONGRATULATIONS!

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Princeton Lions Club donated the most with 710 pairs. Several hearing aids were also collected. It would be difficult to name all the Lions who helped make this conference a success and hopefully, I didn't miss too many at the banquet. However, if no one attended, it wouldn't have been possible, so I want to thank all who helped, supported, and attended. See you next year for another great conference.

I have over 1/2 the official visits scheduled and/or attended. Please continue to schedule these visits if you haven't already. If it's more convenient for you, join a neighboring Lions Club and have a joint Official visit. I

have certainly enjoyed ALL my visits so far. The food and fellowship have been great and I've inducted several new Lions which is always a pleasure. The WV Lions and Salvation Army will be ringing the bells jointly on December 10, throughout the state. If you are interested in helping, contact Lion Jim Miller, from the White Sulphur Springs Lions Club at 304-536-3301.

The WVLLS will take place in Morgantown January 27-29, 2012. Certainly, I encourage everyone to attend. The speakers, seminars, and information are top-notch. If you want to be an officer in your club or would like to know more about Lions Clubs, Leadership School is for you. Zone Chairs, please have your

second zone meeting by March 1, 2012. Please send a copy of your report to Lion Rodena Belcher and if you did NOT send a copy of the report you gave at Pipestem, please do so now. This month I have inducted new members in Durbin (2), Union (3), and Mount Hope (2). Congratulations to all and I hope you have many happy years as Lions.

DG Connie



Letter from FVDG

Dear Fellow Lions,

Christmas is just around the corner and the end of calendar year 2011 is upon us. This is a time of the year when we open our hearts to those less fortunate. Let's think of and pray for the hungry and the homeless.

Many people believe that the problems associated with hunger are confined to small pockets of society, certain areas of the country, or certain neighborhoods, but the reality is much different.

In many ways, America is the land of plenty. But for 1 in 6 Americans, hunger is a reality. Right now, over 50 million Americans -- including

17 million children -- are struggling with hunger. We all know and are in contact with people affected by hunger, even though we might not be aware of it.

Poverty is forcing millions of Americans into a hunger crisis. Their hunger emergency is defined by food insecurity, which is the lack of access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs for an active and healthy life.² Families find themselves buying cheaper and less nutritious food, or cutting entire meals out of their diet, just to make ends meet. Increasing over time, this pattern leads to chronic

malnutrition, affecting children and families in profoundly destructive ways. (Retrieved from The hunger site, <http://www.thehungersite.com>).

This is a time when our clubs think of our communities. Let us seek out and take care of families in our respective areas during this Christmas season.

Thank you for all you do as Lions, may each of you be blessed and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Linda Burke
FVDG 29N

Leadership School

**West Virginia Lions Leadership School
Lakeview Resort and Conference Center
Morgantown, WV
January 27-29 2012**

The 16th West Virginia Lions Leadership School Will be held January 27-29-2012 at the Lakeview resort in Morgantown, West Virginia. The Leadership School Committee has put together an outstanding schedule of seminars and activities for this event. Lakeview Resort offer s outstanding facilities and is located in a convenient easy access location near Interstate 68 in Morgantown. Early registration continues and I encourage all clubs to have a club member attend this event.

The brochures for registration of this event have been mailed to all club presidents so please register today!

Registration forms on page

EARLY REGISTRATION**WEST VIRGINIA LIONS LEADERSHIP SCHOOL****JANUARY 27-29 2012****Lakeview Resort****Morgantown, West Virginia****Early registration is now available for the 2012 West Virginia Lions Leadership School.****West Virginia Lions Leadership School****Lakeview Resort****Morgantown, WV****EARLY REGISTRATION FEE \$100.00**

Lion_____ Lioness_____

Name for Name Tag

Lion_____ Lioness_____

Name for Name Tag

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone

Business Phone

Email

I am a first time attendee_____

Make checks payable to the WV Lions Leadership School (Note Credit Cards will not be used)

Mail completed Applications to: PCC Paul Wheeler

46 Ranger Lane

Charleston, WV 25309

(H) 304-746-4415

Email: Pwhee71827@aol.com

Call the Lakeview Resort for hotel reservations. Tell them you are with the Lions Group 304.594.1111

District Governor's Contest and Rules 2011-2012

In an effort to streamline the contest this year we are emphasizing specific areas of Lions club life. We have selected **Service, Membership** (with emphasis on recruiting younger members), and **Participation**. Incoming Club Presidents are requested to select their Contest Reporter and pass along their names and addresses to Betsy Ross at P. O. Box 411 Pineville WV 24874 or e-mail brross311@yahoo.com.

The contest starts on **July 1, 2011**, and ends **April 30, 2012**. Awards will be presented at the State Convention Breakfast on Sunday Morning. Participation awards will be presented as well as First place in each category and Overall First Place.

All Clubs participate equally using the percentage basis for participation. Other winners are by number values per unit. An easy way to compute percentage of total membership is to use the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Number who attended}}{\text{Total number of members}} = \text{Equal Percentage}$$

A copy of the abbreviated contest form is attached. Please pass it along to your Contest Reporter. It should shorten the time that it takes to prepare a report. We encourage all clubs to participate in the contest this year. We will be nagging (read that gently persuading your participation) you for reports at the end of each month. **Together We Serve**

District Governor's Contest and Rules 2011 – 2012

Club Name _____ Reporter _____
 Number of Members _____ Date Completed _____

Service	Description	Values per
New Projects: (Please list)	(Be Specific)	10 x _____
Ongoing Projects: (Please list if worked on this month)	(Be Specific)	5 x _____
Use of Eye Screening Unit (Mobile or Portable) (Please circle which one)	(When and Where)	10 x _____
Purchase of Eyeglasses	Number Serviced During the Month	1 x _____
Purchase of Hearing Aids	Number Serviced During the Month	1 x _____
	Total Points for Report	

Membership	Values per
New Member(s) (list) (are they bonus babies – under 35)	Number + Bonus = _____ 1 x _____ + 2 x _____ = _____
New Family Member(s)	Number + Bonus = _____ 1 x _____ + 2 x _____ = _____
Did you have a membership chairman report this month?	Circle appropriate response Yes or No 5 0
Total Points for Report	

Participation	Percentage Attending
Conferences L I O N (circle appropriate)	
WV Lions Leadership School	
State Convention	

State Convention	
USA / Canada Forum	
International Convention	
Cabinet Meetings	
Council Meetings	
Zone Meetings	
Another Club (please specify)	
Average Percentage	

Instructions to Complete Contest Forms

First complete the identifying information. As you prepare the **Service** section of your report form, in the first column please list any **new projects** that your club is doing this year. This column will change as you add unique projects throughout the club year. "New" projects are those that you do not necessarily do each year. It may be in response to a local or other need. Under listing column just give the project and name and under description do just that – briefly describe the project. Values are received on new projects once, then they move into the ongoing projects category for the next report. If there is not enough room then add to the back of the form.

What are your **ongoing service projects**? List them and give a brief description. If you have done anything to forward the project during the month, then list that as an ongoing project. Just describe the current activity under description.

Please circle rather you used the **Mobile or Portable Eye Screening Unit**. List when and where it was used.

The purchase of eyeglasses or hearing aids should reflect those serviced during a particular month.

As you prepare the **Membership** section of your report form please consider that all new members are important; however, we are placing emphasis on building future clubs. Therefore, younger new members get a bonus under this contest. It is also important that we have a membership chairman report for the month. Please note if your club did have one or not.

As you prepare the **Participation** section of your report please notice that all lines will not be used in every report. We are also not asking for each meeting numbers of attendance. We know that in the best-of-all-possible-worlds that there would be 100% participation at each local club meeting. Our intention is to encourage participation by members in the extended Lions Family. An easy way to compute percentage of total membership is to use the following formula: $\text{Number who attended the event} \div \text{the total number of members} = \text{Equal Percentage}$; Conferences occur only once a year. Be sure and circle the Conference you attend. Of course some of your members may wish to visit other conferences by date. The Leadership School is an important fellowship and learning opportunity for all members. This is especially true of possible upcoming office holders.. Encourage participation throughout the year for the event. The State Convention is a great place to meet Lions from throughout the multi district. Cabinet Meetings, Council Meetings, and Zone Meetings are open to all for attendance. Volunteer groups have to know why it is important that they attend all of the meetings that they can. It gives a sense of belonging. Encourage your members to participate in every opportunity that they can. **Together we serve.**

Dates to Remember

December 1: Crab-Orchard Official visit
December 3: YCE Scholarship judging
 Gary Official visit
December 5: Athens Official visit
December 8: Beaver Official visit
December 10: Salvation Army/Lions bell ringing
December 13: Pineville Official visit
January 7: Council meeting and WVLSCF meeting in Morgantown
January 9: White Sulphur Springs Official visit
January 12: Bradshaw Official visit
January 19: Hinton Official visit
January 21: Anstead Official visit
January 27-29: WVLLS in Morgantown
Februat 16: Mullens Official visit



Don't Forget We're on the
Web!!!!
WVLions.org