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The Lions of
District 29N
Newsletter

Comments From the District Governor

Greetings everyone and welcome to a great new year in Lionism. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your representative to Lions Clubs International and District Governor for year 2009-2010.

IPDG Harvey has finished his year and I hear that he has been seen vacationing in Tennessee trying to darken his tan. He will join us at training.

The theme for this year will be a takeoff from the International President's theme "Move To Grow".

Our District theme will be "Pick Up Your Feet To Move".

As we serve our communities we should realize that needs are changing. New challenges arise for us as Lions to serve our friends and neighbors. We need to address new needs, so " Pick Up Your Feet and Move " to the challenge! We cannot just do everything as we have and survive.

Goals for the Year:

1. Support the "Move to Grow" theme of International President Eberhart Wirf.
2. Foster new missions of service to our communities with club projects.
3. Present positive attitudes toward support of club activities and projects.
4. Be current with all club reports and dues.
5. Make use of all categories of membership and dues structure for retention
6. Cultivate and advertize support of the West Virginia Lions Sight Foundation to Lions and non-Lions
7. Use all of our energies to articulate the principles of Lionism
8. Use "Integrity", " Tradition" and a positive " Identity" in all of our Lion activities.

The vision of Lions has been carried on for over 50 years in our District. As we gather together in November at Pipestem, we will be celebrating this Golden Anniversary.

Let's make sure that every club makes an effort to attract new members, most importantly keep the ones that we have and honor those that we have lost with years of valuable service. Remember we serve our communities, our nation, and world by serving our fellow human beings

I'm sure this is going to be a great year, lets all cooperate, participate, and communicate. We can do this, after all we are Lions.

Yours in Lionism DG Merlin

Vice District Governor- Lisa Keffer

First, let me thank the Lions of District 29N for having the confidence in me to elect me as Vice District Governor. I am so proud to be a Lion from District 29N.

This year I look forward to traveling the District, learning the "ropes", and assisting the District Governor any way possible.

As the coordinator of the MERL team, I am available to visit your club and give a program or work with your club in any capacity you wish. You can contact me by phone at 304-228-7615 (cell) or email goherdlisa@netscape.net.

I look forward to working with District Governor Merlin and helping move District 29N to an even stronger and more productive year.

Message from the 2nd VDG Connie Dorscheid

The Lions International Convention was held in Minneapolis, MN in early July. There were over 11,000 Lions from 90 countries present. If you've never attended an International Convention, you've missed a great opportunity. This was MY fourth International Convention and each trip had its own uniqueness and opportunities. Twenty-eight Lions from WV attended. Several Lions who used to live in WV appeared at our Hospitality Room including PDG Floyd McClung and his wife. PDG McClung inducted me into the WSS Lions club so it's always great to see him. Lion George O'Neill who used to be a WSS Lion and brought me into the club is now DG for his District around the Myrtle Beach, SC area. The WSS Lions who went to MN were able to spend some time with DG George and his wife, Sue.

The International parade had 159 entries. All along the parade route people were thanking us for coming and saying they were glad we were there. Pictures of the parade and all activities can be seen on the LCI website. There are several of the West Virginians in the parade.

The Beach Boys entertained us and they were great!! Two of the originals are still in the group. What a fun night!

General Colin Powell was the keynote speaker and had the audience's attention

from beginning to end.

As always, there was more to do than there was time to do it. Some of the Lions attended a Twins/Yankees game. Yankees won. IP Brandel threw the opening pitch and the Twins made a sizable donation to LCI by taking \$3 off every ticket purchased by a Lion. Some Lions took a tour of the twin cities, some went to the casino, some went to the Mall of America.

The last Plenary Session was the official beginning for all the new DGs and we wish each and everyone of them well. Do you know the new IP's name? You'll hear it often this year. He is Lion Eberhard Wirfs from Germany. He's an accomplished musician and will have a contest for young musicians this year. The winners will have a trip to Austrailia. You'll hear more about this as the year goes on.

It was great to renew acquaintances with Lions from Pennsylvania that I'd met in Bangkok last year. We'll all meet again next year in Austrailia. I hope to see even more WV Lions there, too.

On another note, watch the upcoming district newsletters for information about DG Merlin's contest this year. Details will be forthcoming from yours truly as chair.



Official Visit Request
for

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Please mail form to DG Merlin at

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Club Name _____

First Date Request _____ Second Choice _____

Is this a Dinner Meeting? Yes or No Other

Time meeting Starts _____ Location _____

Directions to location _____

Contact Person _____ Home Phone _____ Cell

Phone Number or number where someone can be reached on meeting night _____

This is just in case we might have a problem enroute to your meeting or we might need additional directions}

Please advise if you will need new member induction, Melvin Jones, Leonard Jarrett or other special program.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CONTEST and RULES

2009-2010

Categories will be determined by the number of Club members at the start of the Contest on July 1, 2009.

The Contest will consist of three separate categories in an attempt to get all Clubs involved and to be fair to all.

Class A
1 to 15

Class AA
16 to 30

Class AAA
31 and above

Please try to send the Contest forms to the Contest Chair by the fifth of each month. The Contest Chair will keep a count of the points and the winners will be announced at a special Awards Meeting in the spring. There will be no information released concerning the status of the contest until the Awards Meeting. I urge each Club to participate in each portion of the Contest. Come on. Let's get competitive, have fun, and add a little spark in the Contest!!

Please appoint a person from your Club to collect the data and send the forms to the District Contest Chair. Please make copies of the form to use each month.

Mail Contest forms to
2nd VDG Connie Dorscheid
515 Brookside Trail
White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986

CONTEST CATEGORIES

Visitation award (per attending member)

Attending another Club meeting.....	10 points
Attending another Club activity.....	5 points
Attending Fall Conference.....	20 points
Attending any zone meeting.....	10 points
Attending State Convention.....	30 points
Club visitations in another district.....	40 points
Attending WV Leadership School.....	30 points
Attending International Convention/USA Canada Forum.....	40 points

Service Award

Assisting another club with a project.....	20 pointsattending member
Community-based service project.....	10 points per activity
Purchase eyeglasses and/or hearing aids.....	5 points for each
Collect eyeglasses and/or hearing aids.....	1 point each recycled
Having a joint DG Night with another.....	30 points each meeting club
Listing recycled items on activity report.....	10 points per listing
Having joint activity with Leo Club.....	10 points per activity
Sponsor of a youth activity.....	10 points per activity

District Achievement award

Confirm DG visit by Sept. 1.....	20 points
Initiate a new member.....	20 points per member
Sponsor a new club.....	100 points
Leonard Jarrett award to member.....	30 points per award
Melvin Jones award to member.....	30 points per award
Newspaper article w/o photo	30 points per article
Recycled Lions magazine placed in public place.....	10 points each issue
Contribution to Lions charities.....	10 points per charity
LCIF, WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation Permanent Endowment, Diabetes, Leader Dog, Mobile Eye Screening Unit, Low Vision, Pilot Dogs, Quest, Romney Student Work Program, Romney Ski Program, Youth Exchange.	
Pay first half of dues by Aug. 31 and second half by Feb.28.....	50 points
Activity and membership reports by end of each month.....	50 points per month

Youth Activities

Charter Leo Club.....	100 points
Sponsor Youth Exchange (each student).....	100 points
Quest program participation.....	50 points
Peace poster contest.....	100 points
Youth Scholarship Award.....	100points

Public Relations/Communications

Club Newsletter.....	50 points
Club Brochures.....	50 points
Community Awareness Night.....	50 points
Lions Club Web Page.....	100 points
Participation in Local parades (send photos).....	100 points

Special Notes

1. Points will be given according to a copy of the monthly activities, membership reports and visitation slips.
2. Newspaper articles need to be about a special guest appearance, club project, or special activity or an award. Listing club meeting times or other calendar of events listing will not be considered.
3. First, second, and third place plaques will be awarded per category per club based on the total points earned at the beginning of the contest on July 1, 2009 and ending May 2010.
4. DG and VDG's are not to participate in this challenge.
5. DG will have discretion of additions or changes as needed.

Dates to Remember

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

2010	Sydney, Australia	June 28 -July 2
2011	Seattle, Washington	July 4 - 8
2012	Busan Korea	June 22-26
2013	Hamburg, Germany	July 5-9
2014	Toronto, Canada	TBA

USA/CANADA FORUMS

2009	Memphis, Tennessee	Sept 24 - 26
2010	Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Sept 23 - 25
2011	Anchorage, Alaska	Sept 22-24
2012	Tampa, Florida	Sept 14-16
2013	Overland Park, Kansas	TBA

OTHER: 2009-2010

Lions World Sight Day	Oct 8
World Diabetes Day	Nov 14
Peace Poster Entry Deadline	Nov 15
International Leo Day	Dec 5
LCIF Week	Jan 10-16
Melvin Jones Birthday	Jan 13
Earth Day	Apr 22
Lions Worldwide Induction	Apr 24
White Cane Week	May 11-17
Helen Keller Day	June 1

WEST VIRGINIA LIONS LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

January 29-31, 2010
Days Inn, Flatwoods, WV

WEST VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION

May 21-23, 2010
Snowshoe Mountain, Snowshoe, WV

District Conventions/Conferences

29-L	Mineral Wells	March 19-20, 10
29-I	Canaan Valley	Oct 23-25, 09
29-O	Charleston	October 9-11 09
29-N	Pipestem Resort	Nov 6-8, 09