

# My Clubs, My Family, My Pride

West Virginia District 29 - N

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## From the District Governor's Desk

What a beautiful city Seattle is. Now, as always when I visit someplace new, I want to go back and see what I missed. Our DG training was very good and the make-up of the class sessions excellent. We had a chance to share ideas, philosophies, and pleasantries with many other incoming DGs. The entertainment and speakers were wonderful. Dr. Wing-Tun Tam is enthusiastic, motivational, and inspiring. As you can see from the top of this newsletter, he is encouraging each of us to consider "My Club, My Family". I have added the "s" to club and added "My Pride". Lions live in a pride so we are one big, hopefully happy family. I also want to say I have PRIDE in each and every one of you. Everyone does what he or she can do for the betterment of the club, local community, and worldwide community. Another phrase we heard often was "Courage, Commitment, Action." This is hand in hand with Dr. Tam's theme of "I Believe". You must have the courage to go Make a big deal of this project. Send pictures to the newsletter editor. I will keep a running tab in this article when I hear how many trees your club has planted. My DG pin is a tree. I live in the woods and love trees. My theme is "Grow with Lions". On the pin's trunk is the Leo symbol, then YCE, then Lions. From the youth who are our future, comes the next generation of Lions. Several of the Cabinet Officers have a direct influence on the youth. **Lion Danna Davis** is moving forward with new ideas, the commitment to do so and the action to carry out the plan. I BELIEVE we will see much growth this year. I BELIEVE it will

be a great year. I BELIEVE every Lion will do his or her part to make these things happen.

Dr. Tam's tree planting idea is an excellent way to motivate your club. I pledged 100 trees to be planted in District 29-N. I BELIEVE we can exceed that number. What a great way to be visible in the community. Plant trees in honor of new Lions, PDGs from your club, to renew a tired area of you town, etc. Be creative.

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## District Governor's Desk Continued

the Ski Chair. (See MD Chair Barbara Fishel's article elsewhere in this newsletter for a name change). The Ski program has grown to be much more than JUST skiing. Opportunities are endless for the deaf and blind. I BELIEVE they can do anything! **Lion Rodenda Belcher** is Leo Chair. When I've had the chance I have assisted her with her Leo Club. What fun to see the youth interacting and coming up with new ideas. There are Leo Clubs throughout the District. Go visit one and offer your help. It would be appreciated. **Lion Sue Via** is the Youth Exchange Chair. We had 3 students travel from WV this year and many more coming to WV. What a

fantastic opportunity for students to learn about a different part of the world. I hope to have the students speak about their adventures at the District 29-N Conference at Pipestem. **Lion Mary Porterfield** is the VIP Fishing Chair. Lion Mary has only been a Lion for a little over a year and has already accepted a position on the cabinet. The VIP Fishing tournament is an excellent way to give the blind children another outdoor opportunity. Information about the tournament is elsewhere in this newsletter. You can also GROW within Lions. Be an officer, attend Leadership School, become a DG. The ideas are endless. Dr. Tam wants to focus on the youth for the month

of August. If your club holds a youth activity, publish it in the newsletter. Motivate other clubs. Burnsville Lions Club has added two new members in July. Can your club top that? I BELIEVE so. We're off to a great start. If there is anything I can do to help you, answer questions, or help with concerns, please let me know.

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## Words from the International President

By now most of you know that the theme for my year as international president is "I Believe." "I Believe" is the attitude I hope that you and all Lions have toward our ability to change the world. Together, the 1.35 million Lions club members around the world make up the world's largest network of caring individuals. That makes us capable of great things.

It is also a personal statement from me. I believe in *you*. I believe that every Lion makes a difference.

I thank you for your part in the work we are beginning -- work that will make a difference in the lives of millions.



Sincerely,  
Wing-Kun Tam  
International President

### Tree Planting Campaign

Anyone can plant a tree and many people do. But Lions campaign to plant one million

trees this year serves a purpose beyond beautifying our communities. Trees cleanse and renew the Earth's atmosphere. There is little a single individual can do that does more to protect the environment than planting trees. Healthy, thriving trees will remind our neighbors for years to come of Lions commitment to the environment and the vital role that Lions Clubs play in our communities.

The trees will also be a constant reminder to ourselves that Lions can reach any goal we set. The "Believers Award" has been created to recognize those who demonstrate their belief in the power of service by planting a tree.

**"I Believe."**

## Words from 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor

My Fellow Lions,

As we begin another Lions year, I look forward to serving as your second vice district governor. I will do my best to support our governor, Lion Connie, in reaching the goals she has set for the district. We can look

forward to a great year in District 29 N and across the multiple districts.

This will be a year of learning for me as I prepare for the work that lies ahead. If I can be of help in any way please do not hesitate to give me a

call or send me an email. I am also available for programs on “Pilot Dog” and can share what I learned on my visit to their Columbus facility.

Lion Ed Via

## Youth Exchange Program

Greetings Lions,

I am excited about our new year in Lionism and the Youth Exchange Program.

This summer three wonderful youth traveled abroad from MD29 to represent our state and the Lions who live here. Also, four students came to West Virginia in June and July and three more will come in August.

LCI policy requires that we have sponsoring clubs for

students traveling abroad and for those coming to West Virginia.

This means no finical responsibility to the clubs. This past year we have encountered difficulty getting clubs in the area in which the students live to be a sponsoring club. In the next newsletter I will outline in more detail what is required.

The scholarship entry form and rules for applying can be found on the MD29 website. Please help the committee

spread the information to students.

I wish to thank the members of the committee for their willingness to serve. Also, thanks to clubs for the monetary support.

I “Believe” in the Youth Exchange Program  
Sue Via Chair MD29  
YC&EP

## Second Annual VIP Fishing Tourney

The 2<sup>ND</sup> Annual VIP (Visually Impaired Person) Fishing Tournament will be October 1, 2011. It will again be held at the Stonewall Jackson Resort. The WV BASS Federation will be joining us again to make this an experience of a lifetime for the VIP’S. Adult Division 18 or Older Winner Qualifies to fish in the International VIP Tournament in Nags Head, North Carolina.

Youth Division Winner will receive a nice trophy. The Cost is \$35.00 for registration, which shall be paid by the sponsoring Lions Club.

We Hope to have an even bigger turnout this year. All Lions and Lions Clubs throughout the state are welcome to help and sponsor VIP’S.

For more information contact Lion Trish Glennon at 304-229-7949, email

[dixiedog52@gmail.com](mailto:dixiedog52@gmail.com) or  
Lions Frank and Carol  
McGhee 304-822-5097 or you  
can contact your Local WV  
Lions Club.

See Page 7 for Entry Forms

## First Cabinet Meeting of 2011 & Officer Training

Twenty-seven people attended the first cabinet/officer's training day on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks go to the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Ed Via for training the Zone Chairs, PDG Lisa Keffer for training the presidents, and Lion Jim Miller for training the secretaries. A wonderful meal was provided by the Methodist Women. Thanks to everyone who attended!



## Ski Program gets a new name...

### MD Deaf and Blind Recreation Program

From MD Chair Barbara Fishel

The Ski Program title was changed and approved at the first Council meeting in July. What started as a couple of ski trips to the slopes has developed into many other activities over the last 33 years. Now the students ski, camp, fish, horseback ride, bowl, attend musical events, zoos, amusement parks, sports activities, and golf on real golf courses. They eat endless amounts of pizza, their food of choice, and still attend to their school activities. It was time for a name change to include all they do. Please include the new **MD Deaf and Blind Recreation Program** in your parade of checks at your District Conferences and Conventions.

## Lions Take Seattle by Storm

District Governor Connie Dorscheid with Lions International President Wing-Kun Tam at the Lions International Convention in Seattle, Washington following her extensive District Governor training and service activities. His theme is "I Believe" and wants all Lions to help plant a million trees this year. All District Governors in training planted trees during their training. (cont. p5)



## Lions Take Seattle by Storm (cont.)



District Governor Connie Dorscheid was presented her second diamond for her Melvin Jones Fellowship by Past International President Eberhard Wirfs at the Lions International Convention in Seattle, Washington on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Mount Hope Lions Walk for Breast Cancer Awareness

Lion Alma Simpson (left), PDG Lisa Keffer, (center), and Lion Jennifer Dickinson (right) walked to support the American Cancer Society's walk for breast cancer awareness on July 8 at the Raleigh Mall in Bradley, West Virginia. The Mount Hope Lions showed their support by making a \$300 donation. Lion Jennifer and Lion Alma are both breast cancer survivors. PDG Lisa was there to help support two of her most favorite **Lions** in their effort to remind all of us the importance of mammograms and early detection.



# DISTRICT 29-N LIONS CLUB FALL CONFERENCE

## PIPESTEM STATE PARK

NOVEMBER 4-5, 2011

**Make Room Reservations:** Pipestem State Park

304-466-1800

**Room Rates:** Single or Double occupancy \$57.00

Make your reservations by October 21, 2011 and tell them you're a **Lion**.

### **Registration**

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

**Lions Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Is this your first time attending the 29-N Conference). \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Conference Reservation: \$40.00**      **Number** \_\_\_\_\_

*Entree' Choice for Banquet*

Country Steak \_\_\_\_\_

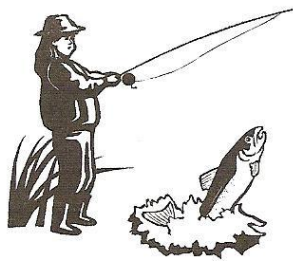
Chicken Breast \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to – **District 29-N Fall Conference**

**Return by October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011:**

To: Rodena Belcher  
P. O. Box 57  
Caldwell, WV 24925





# WV LIONS VIP (VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS) FISHING TOURNAMENT

STONEWALL JACKSON LAKE



**SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 2011**

OPEN TO ALL VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSON IN WV.



**SPONSORED BY  
THE LIONS CLUBS OF WV  
AND  
THE WV BASS FEDERATION**



**THERE WILL BE TWO DIVISIONS**

ADULT DIVISION 18 OR OLDER WINNER QUALIFIES TO FISH IN THE INTERNATIONAL VIP TOURNAMENT IN NAGS HEAD, NORTH CAROLINA.

YOUTH DIVISION WINNER WILL RECEIVE A NICE TROPHY

THE COST IS \$35.00 DOLLARS FOR REGISTRATION WHICH SHALL BE PAID BY THE SPONSORING LIONS CLUB.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT LIONS FRANK AND CAROL MCGHEE 304 822-5097 OR LION TRISH GLENNON 304 229-7949 OR YOU CAN CONTACT YOUR LOCAL WV LIONS CLUB.

## 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](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Service</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Values per</b>
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 <b>(Mobile or Portable)</b> (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	

<b>Membership</b>	<b>Values per</b>
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	

<b>Participation</b>	<b>Percentage Attending</b>
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: Number who attended the event divided by the total number of members = 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.**

# Technology Note from Rodena

For upcoming events and District Governor Connie's schedule, check out our website at [www.lionwap.org/District29N](http://www.lionwap.org/District29N). We will be upgrading to a better website soon. You can also find important information around the state from our WV Lions Club website at [www.wvlions.org](http://www.wvlions.org). Please send any information or pictures you would like on the website to Rodena Belcher ([belcherr@yahoo.com](mailto:belcherr@yahoo.com)).

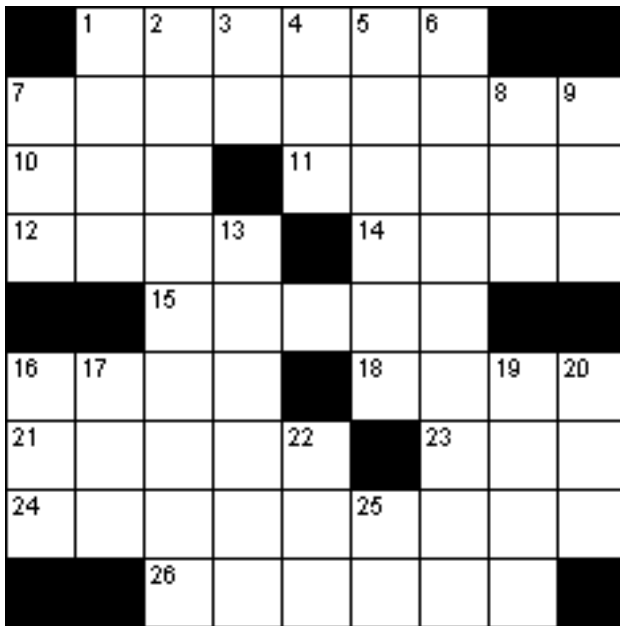
You should also consider having your own website from Lions International. It is called e-clubhouse and is very easy to use. If you have any questions, you can contact Rodena by email or call 304-645-1831.

Websites are a wonderful way to highlight what your club is involved in and keep upcoming events posted. See you on the web!



## Brain Teasers – Just For Fun

(Answers on Next Page)



*Sudoku*

1		9	2		7	3		8
3		5						
8		4	1					6
7		2	5					9
9		3						
5		6	3		8	1		7
				4			9	
			9	2			7	4
				8			6	

### Across

1. Young cow
7. Unmanned
10. Bother
11. Lariat
12. Make (one's way)
14. Fastened
15. Looked intently
16. Ado
18. Expunge
21. Wash oneself
23. Born
24. Indistinguishable
26. Be unbearably loud

### Down

1. Conceal
2. Stretched
3. The closest of Jupiter's moons
4. Faster Than Light
5. Jubilant
6. Abode
7. Cat hand
8. 180° from NNW
9. Turf
13. Nymph loved by Apollo
16. Law enforcement agency
17. Young boy
19. Not fat
20. Snake-like fish

22. Estimated time of arrival
25. Introduces a conditional clause





# Brain Teasers – Just For Fun

(Answers)



## Crossword

	H	E	I	F	E	R		
P	I	L	O	T	L	E	S	S
A	D	O		L	A	S	S	O
W	E	N	D		T	I	E	D
		G	A	Z	E	D		
F	L	A	P		D	E	L	E
B	A	T	H	E		N	E	E
I	D	E	N	T	I	C	A	L
		D	E	A	F	E	N	

## Sudoku

1	6	9	2	5	7	3	4	8
3	7	5	8	6	4	9	1	2
8	2	4	1	3	9	7	5	6
7	8	2	5	1	6	4	3	9
9	1	3	4	7	2	6	8	5
5	4	6	3	9	8	1	2	7
2	5	7	6	4	3	8	9	1
6	3	8	9	2	1	5	7	4
4	9	1	7	8	5	2	6	3

Don't Forget We're on the  
Web!!!!

WVLions.org

## Dates to Remember

August 7: Ron Hensley Golf Tournament

August 12-14: State Fair Lions Eye Screening

August 22 : Lions Picnic Day 6:00pm at

Harts Run shelter1 in WSS,WV. Guest are welcome. Please bring covered dish.

August 29: DG Connie's Official Visit to Burnsville

September 5: Dan Dague Memorial Car Show

September 17: South Charleston Anniversary Dinner

September 22-25: USA/Canada Forum

September 30-October 1: District O Conference

October 1: VIP Fishing Tournament

October 22: Durbin's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 5pm Reception, 6pm Dinner

November 4-5: District 29-N Fall Conference – Pipestem State Park

