



District 29-L Newsletter

June 2019

Gary Pitcock

District Governor

“Service is Key to Success”



2018-2019 Cabinet Members

Gary Pitcock, DG
Bill Syphers, 1st VDG
Ron Grubb, 2nd VDG
Eva Dague, Sec/Treas
LeeAnn Welch, IPDG

Zone Chairpersons

Zone 1: Bernice Pitcock
Zone 2: Phyllis Amrhein
Zone 3: PDG John Wensyel
Zone 4: Tony Vandenberg
Zone 5: Ron Grubb
Zone 6:
Zone 7: Bob High
Zone 8: Richard McMillan
Zone 9:
Zone 10: Karen Hall Dundes

GMT: Bill Syphers
GLT: Bernice Pitcock
GST: Linda Leasure
LRPC: Paul Amrhein
Conference: John Wensyel
Deaf/Blind: Kathy Syphers
Environmental: Kim McIntyre
IT: Chris Doty
Contest: Dave Atkinson
Diabetes/ LEHP: Mary Kay Wensyel
LCIF: John Wensyel
LEO: Ramona Sago
Port Sight Equip: Gene Saunders
Peace Poster: Ramona Sago
Newsletter: Jaime Halligan
Quest/RAP: Arlene Amos
Sight/ Hearing WVU: Paul Amrhein
Youth Exchange: Patty Nutter
Youth Exchange Elect:
Michelle Harshbarger
Guide Dogs: Kelley Kuhn
Special Projects: Eva Dague
Jeff Baxter

A Message from our District Governor

We are now coming to the end of a very interesting Lions year. We have had many ups and downs. It hasn't been easy, but we have persevered and managed to make some headway. Although we didn't reach our goals, we did some positive things.

We met some very nice and hardworking Lions in the lower part of our District. They truly work hard and are very proud of what they have accomplished, and rightly so. I thank them for all their efforts.

I thank everyone who took a position on the cabinet.

I intend to still be active as the District Global Membership chair (as well as, multiple district chair) for the upcoming year. If you need my help, don't hesitate to call or email me.

It has been an honor serving as your District Governor this year. I am leaving the District in good hands. Lion Bill Syphers is going to be a great leader, so please show him respect and work with him for the good of the District.

Please consider coming to the Cabinet Recognition Dinner on June 22nd at Doddridge County - this is recognition for you, the District 29L cabinet.

Thanks for everything!!

Yours in Lionism,

DG Gary

Message from DGE Bill



With only one month to go before I take office, I have been busy doing the “last minute” things that need to be done. These include finishing my training, recruiting and training my team, filling out reports, and preparing for the transition from DG Gary to me. Fortunately, that transition will be easy, thanks to Gary. He has done his job in preparing me. Another reason the change will be so smooth is because there won’t be much change at all. He and I are going to continue to work together. Along with the team I have assembled, it has the makings of a good year.

There are still some positions on my team that haven’t been filled. Still needed are a newsletter editor, a youth exchange committee member, and three zone chairpersons. I didn’t realize how difficult it was going to be to find zone chairpersons. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, give me a call. I won’t turn down anyone who wants to work.

The new contest began in April. Many reporting are using the old contest rules. Kathy is sorting them out and correcting the errors. Please check your contest rules and report accordingly. Get your DG visit scheduled as soon as you can to avoid conflicts.

My next adventure will be going to the international convention in Milan. I am looking forward to that. I have never been out of our country. It should be fun seeing Italy and meeting Lions from around the world. When I get home I will continue to work for District 29-L. It is going to be a challenge, but together we can get it done.

DGE Bill

Leadership with PDG Bernice



This year has been a challenging one for the leadership in our District and Multiple District. Our work continues into the new Lions year. Please consider taking on a leadership role for the District and Multiple District. Step out of your comfort zone – you will find much satisfaction in taking on a new and challenging role.

We will complete our scheduled Officer Trainings on Saturday, June 1, 2019 in Parkersburg at the Wood County Library. Attendance has been sparse to date. Please consider attending.

I would like to share the following information from the blog of Terry St. Marie (35 years of leadership experience) giving “Sage Advice for the First Time Leader”.

Never lose your desire to learn – keep an intellectual curiosity that can never be satisfied. Make STRESS your friend. From stress comes many brilliant ideas and innovations.

Do a lot of “people learning”. Learn to interact, listen, teach, coach, inspire and hire all the complex and different humans that you work with.

A job title doesn’t mean much unless you learn to build and channel influence.

Those you work with need to TRUST you, BELIEVE in you, and need to know you CARE for them.

You need to learn how to fail – because you will fail. What will distinguish you from others is how you deal with failure and what you take away from the experience. When you learn how to fail you will also learn how not to fear failure.

It’s been a pleasure to serve District 29L this Lions year!



District 29 L Cabinet Members:

On Saturday, June 22, 2019, the PDG Association of District 29L is cordially inviting you to attend the District 29L Cabinet Recognition Dinner to be held at West Union - Doddridge County Lions Building at 6 pm. Cabinet members are guests of the PDG Association. Cost for non-cabinet attendees is \$11.00 per person. Please RSVP to PDG Richard McMillon by 6/15/19. Email: patandbub66@aol.com or phone: 304-873-1353

**Mt. Olivet
Lions Club**



**“FLAGS FOR HEROES 2019”
DEDICATION**

**Sunday, June 30, 2019
Mt. Olivet Community Park**

When FVD Bill asked me what I would like to do to help District 29L, I said the Contest Chairperson! I love working with figures and organizing things. I received my degree in Accounting and worked for three businesses before pursuing my passion-teaching. I am a Title I Math Specialist for Ohio County Schools. I teach math to kindergartens through 5th graders.

Just a reminder-the **new** District Governor's Contest started last month. The forms look the same, but some of the contest rules have changed. Please remember to use the updated forms. If a Word document would be easier for you, just email me and I will send you one. I am here to serve you. Have questions-just ask. Email is the best way to contact me (ksyphers@comcast.net).

District 29-L Governors Contest as of April 30, 2019

36 Members and Over

1st Wheeling

2nd Parkersburg

3rd Wellsburg

4th Doddridge

5th Moundsville

21 to 35 Members

1st Fairmont

2nd Morgantown

3rd Sistersville

4th Elm Grove

5th Friendly

6th Chester

7th Mt. Olivet

8th Harrisville

20 and under Members

1st Vienna

2nd Western Monangalia County

3rd West Liberty

4th Grantsville

5th Pleasants Area & Wheeling Island (tied)

6th Boaz

7th Weirton

8th Westover

Dan Dague Memorial Car & Bike Show

In addition to a "Special Thanks" for all of the volunteers over the years who made this such a successful, several awards remain to be presented. I will be presenting some of these awards at the upcoming DG/Cabinet Appreciation dinner on June 22nd at the Doddridge County Lions Building in West Union. This is a special evening to show our appreciation to DG Gary and his cabinet team for all of his hard work especially the past two years

Since I'm in Dover, Delaware for most of the summer, the remaining awards will be presented at club meetings after I'm able to return home.



The Fairmont Lions Club recognized two of its members with Leonard Jarrett Awards during May. Columbus Carpenter was presented with the award at the May 9th meeting and Kelly Shreves was presented her award at the May 23rd club meeting. Both of these Lions have been a great asset to the club.



Lion Kathy Syphers with Amara O'Brien-Madison Award winner. She received \$50 from the Wheeling Island Lions for outstanding leadership abilities in and out of school.

Wheeling Island Lions Club assembling the Flags for Heroes display. Funds raised went to Madison Elementary School and Island Athletics Association. In the picture is Lion President Kathy Syphers (also representing Madison), and 1st Vice President Don Rebich and the Phillips' boys representing the Island Athletic Association.

Wheeling Island Lions College Scholarship winners from Wheeling Park High School seniors-Catie Nesbitt and Chandreonia Harris with 1st Vice president Don Rebich and President Kathy Syphers. Winner Ashlyn McCabe is not pictured. The SPHS winners are also former students of Madison Elementary School, a Partner in Education of the Island Lions.

29L District Governor Monthly Activity Contest – 2019-2020

SIGHT/HEARING SERVICES

- Each eye exam/glasses provided –100 points
- Each hearing exam/hearing aid(s) purchased -100 points
- Each pair used eyeglasses/hearing aids (and turned in for reprocessing) – 10 points
- Vision screening event – 500 points *

ENVIRONMENT

- Adopt a Highway/Adopt a Spot/area cleanup – 500 points (max. twice yearly) *
- Tree/flower planting project – 500 points (max. one time yearly) *
- Community Clean Up project – 500 points (max. one time yearly) *

YOUTH: PEACE POSTER/RAP/QUEST/YOUTH EXCHANGE/OTHER

- Any of the above projects or other youth specific project – 200 points *
- Lions Club that sponsors new Leo Club – 1000 points
- Leo Club/Lions Club joint project – date/description – 200 points *
- Hosting Lions Youth Exchange Student – 1000 points
- Club that sponsors a local student for Youth Exchange – 1000 points per student
- Have a flag program at a local school. – 200 points (max. one time yearly per school, name schools)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Aid to Elderly/Crime Prevention or Safety/Homelessness/Literacy/Recreation/Hosting an event to honor Community groups – 500 points (max. one time yearly for each category) *
- Assisting another organization with a community project – 100 points *
- Assisting another club with a community or Lions project – 100 points *

HEALTH CONCERNS/DIABETES/CHILDHOOD CANCERS

- Diabetes Specific Projects – Screening/Education/Health Fair/Providing Medication; Equipment – 500 points *
- Blood Donations/Health Education/Health Fair/ Childhood Cancer project– 500 points *
- Strides Walk/ Relay for Life Project – 500 points

***Project must be a Lions club project. If aiding another organization, or performing a service, participants must identify as representatives of a Lions club.**

DONATIONS TO LIONS CAUSES AND OTHERS

- Participation in Parade of Checks at District Conference – 100 points
- Donations made to Lions projects – 100 points for each donation (individual member donations count as donation from club) (provide list)
- Donations from club to local community projects/organizations – name project – 100 points (individual donations do not count)

SPECIAL EVENTS ATTENDANCE

Lions International Convention/ USA/Canada Leadership Forum/MD 29 Convention/ WV Lions Leadership Retreat/
District 29L Conference – 500 points per Lion (names)
Visits to International Headquarters; Leader Dog; Pilot Dog; Paws for a Cause; WVU Eye Research Center, Morgantown
– 200 points per Lion (names)
District Conference/Convention other than 29L – 200 points per Lion (names)
Zone meetings – President, 200 points; Secretary, 200 points; all others, 100 points per Lion.
Club hosting zone meeting – 200 points (one time yearly)
Cabinet Training/Club Officer Training – 200 points per Lion (names)
Participate in Zone, District, or Multiple District Project – 200 points per Lion (names and date)

CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

2019-20 Officer's report to LCI, First Vice District Governor, and 29L Secretary by April 30, 2019 --200 points
Payment of International Dues – 200 points (date) first half by 8/1; 2nd half by 2/1
Payment of MD 29 dues – 200 points (date) first half by 8/1; 2nd half by 2/1
Monthly Membership Report by last day of month reporting – 100 points
DG's Monthly Activity Contest Report by last day of month reporting – 100 points
International Activity Report by last day of month reporting – 100 points
Schedule with confirmation of District Governor's Visit by 12/31/19 - 100 points
Hosting District Governor's Visit – 500 points (date)
Having a club meeting program that features a District Chairperson – 500 points (date and chair)
Sponsoring a new Lions Club – 1000 points
Club Member serving as a Guiding Lion for another club – 1000 points
Having a membership drive using Global Membership Team – 1000 points
Have a net growth in membership. – 500 points each month your membership is higher than it was on
July 1, 2019.
New Member Orientation – 500 points

HONORS

Naming Melvin Jones Fellow or Leonard Jarrett Fellow (new or progressive); Lion of the Year – 500 points

PUBLICITY

Publish/distribute Club Newsletter to all members (send copy) – 200 points
Article/photo in local paper describing a Lions project (enclose with report)-- 200 points
Submit a District Newsletter article about your club – 100 points
Article/photo featuring club project/club member in LIONS magazine – 500 points (date)
Project featured on TV or radio (date)-- 200 points
Club Facebook page or web page (active and updated) 200 points (monthly)
Lions Logo Sign displayed in community (photo) 200 points (yearly)
Erecting Lions billboard in community. (photo) 1000 points (yearly)
Distributing club brochures or flyers describing club project or fundraiser – 100 points (send copy)
Set up Lions Awareness Display at a major community function (fair, car show, festival ,etc.) – 200 points

FUNDRAISING

Club fundraiser – describe – 200 points (note amount of funds raised) (fundraisers occurring on more than one occasion
during a calendar month can be counted only once during that month. Ex. Weekly bingo)

DISTRICT 29L VISITATION CONTEST 2019-20

CLUB:

MONTH:

VISITATIONS:

POINTS:

Individual Visits (10 points per individual Lion attending):

Individual visits over 40 miles round trip (20 points per):

Total points:

All visitations are to be listed in this section. Visitations earning points in the DG Contest can also earn points in the Visitation Contest. Ex; for each Lion attending the District Conference the Club will receive 500 points in the DG contest and 10 points in the Visitation Contest. Visitation cards are to be used.

To receive credit for a visit, a signed visitation card must accompany the Visitation Contest Form and be sent or emailed to contest chair.

Visitation points will not be awarded if the visitation occurs at the same time as your own club meeting or other event.

For visits of 40 miles or more per round trip – points are doubled to 20. To qualify, write “40” on corner of visitation card.

All members of the same club may list their names on front of one visitation card.

GENERAL RULES:

Please enter your points in the space provided. Actual points given will be the decision of the Contest Chairperson and the District Governor.

Send completed reports to the following individuals:

Contest Chairperson: Kathy Syphers, ksyphers@comcast.net

District Governor: Gary, Pitcock, gary.pitcock1@comcast.net

First Vice District Governor: Bill Syphers, billsyphers@comcast.net

Second Vice District Governor: Ron Grubb, gRongrubb@comcast.net

If mailing, should be postmarked by no later than last day of each month.

February 1, 2020

International winners will be notified on or before this date.

CONTEST RULES & CONDITIONS

Clubs, district and multiple districts should make sure their winning poster meets all the guidelines before submitting it to the next level of competition. Entries not meeting the rules and conditions listed below will be disqualified.

Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school(s) or organized, sponsored youth group(s), such as YMCA programs, Boys & Girls Clubs, Scouts, ect. A Lioness club can sponsor the contest through its sponsoring Lions Club.

Note: The contest cannot be held in youth groups that a Lions club sponsors, such as a Leo club or Scout unit. However, individual members of those groups (such as Leos or Scouts) may participate if the contest is held at their school or other organized youth group.

Contest is open to students who will be 11, 12, or 13 years of age on November 15, 2019. Eligible birth dates are listed in the contest kit.

The contest theme changes annually and can be found in the contest kit.

Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches (33 centimeters by 50 centimeters) and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches (50 centimeters by 60 centimeters). **Do not mat or frame artwork.**

Only one entry per student, and each entry must be the work of only one student.

All artwork must be the student's original creation. Duplications are not accepted.

All media are accepted.

Note: Chalk, charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries.

Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. **Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way.**

The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in any language, is not allowed. All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster.

Artwork should be done on a flexible material so it can be rolled for shipping in a mail tube. DO NOT FOLD POSTER.

Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed or lost during the judging process. **Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned; they become the property of Lions Clubs International upon**

receipt. Peace Poster Contest images cannot be used without written permission from Lions Clubs International.

In consideration of the opportunity to enter the Peace Poster Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. In addition, the international grand prize winner, two family members (one being a parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring club president) are required to attend an award ceremony. An international grand prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Peace Poster contests sponsored by Lions Clubs International. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International.

Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed or restricted by law.

QUESTIONS/REQUESTS

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Thank You!

I would like to say thank you to everyone for all of your submissions throughout this Lions year!

It has been a great pleasure serving as your MD 29-L Newsletter Editor!

May God Bless You ALL!!! And best of luck to DGE Bill and his cabinet!!

LION Jaime