



# Mt. Olivet Lions Club

## Lion Phyllis Amrhein, President

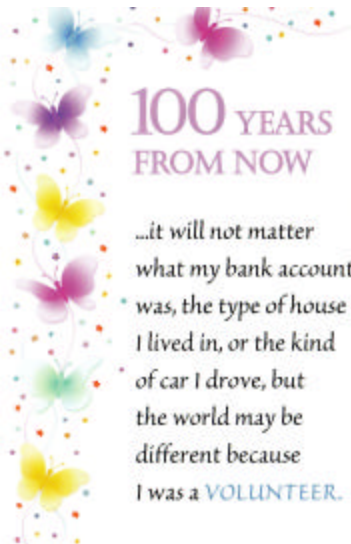


Meetings: 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month  
Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Sherrard, WV

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### PRESIDENT'S FINAL MESSAGE \* THE CELEBRATION BEGINS ... THANK YOU!



It has often been said that, "things happen for a reason". When I finally decided to step up to the position of President of the Mt Olivet Lions Club, I was sincerely excited and optimistic for a positive experience, and hopeful to help the club move forward in the work that is provided for the community.

It would be foolish of me to say that the year was without challenge; but I do feel that with each challenge there was always an event or happening which made me stop and appreciate the good things that are sometimes taken for granted.

This year made my faith stronger and my reason for being a Lion's member more profound. It also made me aware of the value of true friendships.

I leave this position with positive thoughts and thank God for presenting this opportunity in order to better my life. I believe God never gives us more than He knows we can handle. With His help, and the help and support of all my family, I made it through. It will be a year not soon to be forgotten.!

There are several Lions who have been instrumental in making this year memorable:

**LION REV. JOHN** – Your continued encouragement and "thoughts to ponder on" in the monthly newsletters were priceless. Your friendship and support will always be treasured, as well as your service to the club. Hopefully whenever you hear "Hands that Serve – Hearts that Care" you will have a special smile that reminds you of this friendship. Good luck with your new assignment—you will be missed; but you will never be forgotten. Thanks for all you do!

**LION MARTY** – Your help setting up for each meeting was truly appreciated. I couldn't have done it without you. But the most fun was the park clean-up! Your leadership in organizing such a huge undertaking and making it fun encouraged Lions to step up and be a part of a "hands

on" project. That's what it's all about. Thanks for all you do!

**LION MARGE** – Whenever there was a project, you were there! Your continued support has not gone unnoticed, and all that you do is valued beyond measure! It is a pleasure to work with you and I look forward to continuing that for many years to come.

**LION PAUL M** – What a work horse and dedicated Lion! When asked "if" something was possible, it was always "when" do you want it? You were always ready to help and give it your all. You definitely made this year easier, proving we can work together as a club.

**LION HOWARD** – It seemed every time you received a call it was to ask for help. Never once did you say "no", "I'm too busy", or "better ask someone else." You stepped up to help with the Membership Committee, the Policy Manual Committee, the Awards Committee, student essay, scholarship, and the list goes on and on and on. Thank you, Howard. Your support and efforts helped make this year successful. The next call you receive will be to say ... "Thanks".

**LION CHRIS** – What a dedicated Lion! The time you spend on reports and the Website are often taken for granted. You always kept on top of things. Although your commitments at home and at school became a little overwhelming, you still made every effort to continue your responsibilities to the club. Thank you, and know that you are truly appreciated!

**LION GARY** – Another Lion who was everywhere! All projects saw you active and eager to help as needed. When ads were sparse and the show program was due at the printer, you took the time to visit more businesses to try to secure additional sponsorship. With your extra efforts, thirteen new ads were obtained. Who could say “no” to you? Thanks for all you do!

**LIONS HENRY, MIKE, AND MOE** Though the year began with several health issues, each of you continued to get better and return to dinner meetings and projects. It was always great to see you and everyone enjoyed your presence. I’ll never forget the park clean-up and how you kept us all on our toes. You definitely proved that Lions join to serve, and that you did! Thanks for all you do.

**LION BOBBI** – THANKS FOR THE BEST SHOW EVER! It was more than I had expected, and your hard work and dedication definitely were evident as everyone had a great time. Many think of you primarily associated with the Variety Show, but the assistance you give to the club goes well beyond that project. The spaghetti dinners, flower sale, scholarship, essay contest, teacher luncheons, etc., etc., etc. see you offering to help all you can.

You make things easier for many of us, and sometimes we take your talents for granted. You are appreciated for all that you do! Thank you so much.

**LION MARY** – When you acted as our mascot, you were grrrrrrrrreat! Not only did you seem to have fun in costume, but you played the part so well by sharing your enthusiasm. It was great having your help. I really appreciate the support and assistance you gave when I asked. You were another Lion who does not know the word “no” and helped any way you could. Thanks for all that you do!

**LION JEANNIE** – A clown you may be at times, but I can tell you the hugs you gave were truly special! Somehow you always knew when the time was right, and you could always make me laugh. Thank you – and thanks for the true spirit of Lionism. You, too, were always eager to help in any way. It’s great to work with you.

**LION ED** - This was the first year I can remember working directly with you on projects. What a joy! It’s great to have your help (even when you sometimes forgot to put the sauce on the spaghetti), and I hope to have that experience again soon. Thanks for all you do!

**LION PAUL A** – What a year I put you through! As you know, it wasn’t planned to be this way, but with your support we got through. I think we both have a different appreciation of the word “LION” and together we will continue to keep focused on the reasons we joined the best service organization in the world. Thank you ..... I could never love you more than I do today!

**LION WENDY CAIN**— Although many miles away, you wanted to be a part of this year. When I asked you to help edit the monthly newsletter you quickly agreed. Your ever busy schedule added one more task, but you never let the club down. Thanks for all the support and encouragement you offered throughout the year, and for being my special Lion helper from afar!

**BOARD MEMBERS**— I also want to thank the members of the Board for your continual contributions to carry on the services of our club in a positive manner. Many times circumstances arose which resulted in a “no win” solution; however, with every situation presented to you, collectively a decision regarding the action was reached and followed through. At times the decision was not unanimous, but each member had his/her individual reasons for the way the votes were placed, and majority ruled. Thank you for your extra efforts.

### **THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!**

Every Lion (and spouse) is encouraged to attend the June 17th meeting. Recognition will be given for services provided during the current year and special awards will be presented. Also, the installation of next year’s officers will take place.

Since Lion Rev. John will be leaving the hilltop in early July for a re-assignment, this will be a great time for each of us to personally wish him well before he leaves. A special “ROAST” is being planned. If you would like to be a part of the “Roast”, contact Lion Cecil at 304-242-3505.

Lion Phyllis, President  
304.242.0911

## HANDS THAT SERVE ... HEARTS THAT CARE!

This slogan, coupled with “**WE SERVE**”, was prevalent throughout the year as we worked together providing many services to the citizens on the hilltop. When we combined individual strengths, united toward a common goal, and collaborated to get results, we all get to share in the success!

Working together as a team, the Mt. Olivet Lions have affected the lives of many individuals in numerous ways. You will never know the exact impact or the number of individuals you helped, but **YOU** have made a difference in the lives of those in need. You are all to be commended. Acting as a team, the club stepped up to provide the needs of those less fortunate and, as a result, received recognition for these efforts by District Governor Bernice Pitcock.



**MT. OLIVET LIONS, THIS AWARD (1st place in the DG Contest), IS FOR YOU!!!!!!** You are the best! Thanks for being a part of the “team”, and making our “team” work. It’s great to be a Lion! Thank you...Thank you for all that you do!!!

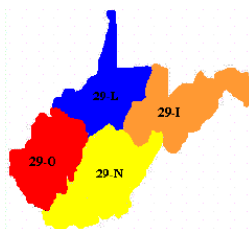
Special note should be made regarding our club secretary, Lion Chris. Through her diligence and thoroughness in reporting our club activities each month, this honor was made possible. Lion Chris, thank you for your service to our club — you are truly special!



Also at the District Breakfast during the State Convention, the Mt. Olivet Lions were presented with “3rd Place” recognition in the Visitation Contest.

Thank you to all those Lions who have stepped out beyond the doors of our home club to visit other clubs by attending their meetings and/or club projects.

**Lion Chris Doty** was appointed by the four District Governor-Elects for the position of Multiple District IT Chairperson for the 2010-2011 Lions’ Year. Her efforts and talents with developing and maintaining web sites for several organizations, as well as our own Lions club site, have not gone unnoticed. She will now be webmaster for all the Lions in West Virginia through the Multiple 29 site. Check out Lion Chris’ postings after July 1st.



## Good Luck, Lion Rev. John!

Lion Rev. John recently received his re-assignment as Pastor in the Mon. Valley District in West Virginia. His assignment will begin the first of July, with his first sermon on July 4th. He will be overseeing six churches, while his wife Judy will be assigned to two others. **Congratulations and Best Wishes!**

The Mt. Olivet Lions will all miss Lion John as he has been active with many of our hilltop projects. Although he is leaving the hilltop, he is not leaving our great state nor our great association. He has been checking out the locations of clubs near his new home, as he plans to remain a Lion and continue to be of service.

Thank you, Lion John, for all you have done. We wish you only the best on your new position.

**NOTE: The members of the Pleasant Hill Church are planning a “going away” party for Rev. John and Judy on Friday, June 18th at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will be ham, and each family is asked to provide a covered dish. Please call 304-242-2712 by June 13th to make a reservation.**





## HAPPY JUNE ANNIVERSARY

*David Masteller (6/07)*

*Joe Wright (6/86)*

## HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAY:

*Rev. John Flynn & Howard Nikolaus (6/15)*

*Paul Amrhein (6/20) Jeannie Huss (6/24)*



## THE NEW DAY ...

***And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.—Rev. 21:1***

How strange are life's ways! How wonderful are God's ways! For it is the darkness that ushers in, with the beauty of the morning light, the new day. One summer Hilaire Belloc, the well-known writer, started out on a walking tour. He took with him an adventurous novice. They set out to cross the Pyrenees, expecting to get over the mountains before dark. However, overtaken by darkness, they spent the night high up on the mountain. Toward morning a great wind arose. It began to blow with tremendous force dislodging huge blocks and sending them down over the heads of the men so that they felt in their faces the splinters of great stones.

The novice, seized with fear, took hold of his companion, who had scarcely stirred in his blanket, and said, "I think it is the end of the world." Mr. Belloc turned to him and said, "Oh no, this is the way that the dawn comes up in the Pyrenees."

Such is the story of much of life, and we must understand God's way in it. There is life's crucifixion. There is God's garden. There is life's darkness. There is God's light. There is light's grave. There is God's resurrection. And be of good cheer, whatever comes, God will not fail His children. He is our refuge and strength. Our trust is in Him. The dawn of His new day is sure to come.

We all have our new days and that even goes for the Mt. Olivet Lions Club. New officers and hopefully new members to follow as well. Judy and I are off to our New Day just in another part of West Virginia, and hope you will stay a strong club and continue to make me proud to say I came from the Mt. Olivet Lions Club, a great club in northern West Virginia. Thanks for all the love and friendship you have shown me over the time I was there. I hope all West Virginia Lions' Clubs are as friendly and loving as you all are.

God's Blessings,  
Lion Rev. John, Club Chaplain

**Lion Rev. John's new address after July 1st:**

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