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Between the Lions

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The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of tiny pushes of each honest worker. - Helen Keller

The Friday November 23rd Luncheon Meeting Is Canceled.

It is the day after Thanksgiving. Many members will be hunting, with family, or out of town.

LEO HOSPICE PROJECT A SUCCESS!

On Sunday, October 21, twenty-six Washington Irving and Bridgeport Leos converged at the People's Hospice Memorial Garden next to the VA Park. With temperatures in the 70s and blue skies, everyone eagerly went to work - raking leaves, pulling weeds, and trimming bushes. It was a grand success and all participating Leos should feel good about their accomplishment. Visit the Clarksburg Lions web site to see a short movie and photographs of the event.

CURRENT NEWS

- Members are needed for the November 10th Veteran's Parade to serve as monitors to help line up marching units. Please contact Lion Bob Kesling. Need about 10 volunteers. This is for a good cause in support of the Veteran's parade.
- Lost Creek Lions are conducting their annual Fall Raffle.
 - ★ 1st place can choose \$400 spending spree or a Remington 700 rifle.
 - ★ 2nd place gets a night and breakfast at Stonewall Jackson Resort.
 - ★ 3rd place gets a very nice hunting knife.
- Don't forget the Spaghetti dinner on November 26 at the VFW. Buy tickets now.

NOVEMBER CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Joe Caruso - 1986 Nick Lambernedis - 1991 Patty Lambernedis - 2001 Doug Aspy - 2005

LEO HALLOWEEN PROJECT A SUCCESS

On October 30th, twenty-four Leos, six parents, and six Clarksburg Lions canvassed two local Clarksburg neighborhoods for glasses and food. They gathered approximately 500 pounds of food and received donations of almost 100 glasses.

Afterwards, the Leos enjoyed pizza and soft drinks at Duff Street United Methodist Church (UMC). The LEOs were thrilled with their accomplishment. Their advisers beamed with pride. The folks at the church were elated that the LEOs collected so much food in just over an hour.

This is what Lionism is all about. Successful civic service. **CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

BOARD MEETING (9/25/2007)

Previous business meeting minutes, Treasurer's Report, Membership Report, and Eye report were reviewed and approved.

Committee Report:

- Leo Hospice was a grand success. (see article above)
- On October 30th, the Lions will support the Leo project to gather food and glasses in Clarksburg. (see article above)
- Members are asked to make financial donations towards the purchase of supplies for the spaghetti dinner. Contact Steve Glass for details.

A lengthy discussion took place concerning efforts needed to increase member attendance at the weekly meetings. Though the first evening meeting was relatively successful, the Board felt that more needs to be done. A committee was formed to look at this issue.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The current schedule for the Friday noon meetings at Minard's Restaurant on old Rt. 50 is:

- Friday, November 9th, Clarksburg Police Chief Marshall Goff.
- Friday, November 16th, unknown at this time.
- Friday, November 23rd - **No meeting** (day after Thanksgiving.)
- Thursday, November 29th, tentative date for evening meeting.

General Program Chairperson Lion Cindy Glass still needs volunteer program chairs for February, May and June. If you are interested, contact her by email at scjglass@aol.com.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Clarksburg Lions will hold its annual Christmas Party at the Duff Street UMC Social Hall on Friday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. Club will buy the meat and members should bring covered dishes. Families, friends, guests, and prospective members are definitely welcomed! We'll have a white elephant auction and Christmas music. The Church is located at 400 Duff Avenue (Corner of Duff & Baker Street), located in the Stealey section of Clarksburg.

SUGGESTIONS / INFORMATION ?

If you have any information or suggestions for either the newsletter or the web site, please send them to clarksburglions@gmail.com or give them to a club officer. If you have information about another local Lions Club activity, let us include that in our newsletter and web site.

CLUB LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

October 5 Meeting:

Jim Talerico of Meuse-Argonne VFW Post 573, provided an informative presentation on the VFW's history, the activities of its 2 million members, and the history of Post #573 which is celebrating its 87th anniversary. The VFW's motto is *honor the dead by helping the living*. With the Post's 1,000 members, it continues to serve the community in such a positive way that the Post received the 2007 Outstanding Community Award.

The Post's name, Meuse-Argonne, comes from the intense combat during the month-long Meuse-Argonne offensive in France -- the biggest operation and final battle of World War I. The Veterans of Foreign Wars organization celebrated it's 108 birthday September 29.

The VFW traces its roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Many arrived home wounded or sick with no medical care or pension. Some veterans organized into what would become the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. By 1915, membership grew to 5,000; by 1936, membership was almost 200,000. The VFW was instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration, creating a GI bill for the 20th century, develop the national cemetery system, and the fight for compensation for Vietnam vets.



In addition to many community projects, the VFW installs over 2,500 flags at the local cemeteries for memorial day. Lion members are invited to volunteer and help the VFW place the flags.

October 26 Meeting:

Representatives from the FBI gave an excellent presentation concerning Internet Pharmacy Fraud. Here are some of the facts they provided:

- Counterfeit medicine is deliberately and fraudulently mislabeled with respect to identify and source.
- Can apply to both branded and generic products.
- May include products that contain correct ingredients.
- 8-10% of pharmaceuticals are counterfeit.
- Counterfeits coming from Mexico, China, India, and Russia.
- Counterfeit sales will reach \$75 billion by 2010.



Members should be careful when ordering medicine over the internet. Fraudulent medicines sometimes look more legitimate than the actual manufacturer's medicine. In addition, if members feel that they have been targeted for internet fraud, they can contact the Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov.