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The marvelous richness of human experience would lose something of rewarding joy if there were no limitations to overcome. The hilltop hour would not be half so wonderful if there were no dark valleys to traverse.

- Helen Keller -

CURRENT NEWS

International Peace Poster Contest

Allison of Washington Irving and Maria of Notre Dame middle schools won the local 2007 Lions International Peace Poster contest. Each will receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond for their entries depicting this year's theme, "Peace Around the World." The winners and their parents will be guests at a future Clarksburg Lions Club meeting.

This is the contest's 20th anniversary. Young people around the world, ages 11 to 13, have the chance to draw, paint, or sketch their interpretation of the contest theme.

Veteran's Bingo Party a Success

On 12/19, the Clarksburg Lions sponsored a Bingo Party for patients at the Veteran's Hospital. The Lions ran out of Bingo cards because of the significant turnout of patients. Special thanks to Bob Kesling and other Lion members that made this such a grand success.

JANUARY MEETING SCHEDULE

The current schedule for the meetings is:

- * Friday, January 4: Lion Charlie Freeman will entertain fellow Lions with a medley of songs.
- * Friday, January 11: Janice McMurdo with organ music.
- * Friday, January 18: Local country entertainer, Jim Bunch.
- * Friday, January 25: Mountain State Blue Grass Express.
- * Thursday, January 31: (Evening meeting 6 p.m. at Eat N Park off Rt. 50) Benjamin DeFazio from American Idol.

Please make the effort to come and be entertained from a great lineup of guest stars coming to entertain and speak before our Lion Club.

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

JANUARY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Paul Hill 1971

Rob Gifford 1997

Brenda Anselene 2004

CLUB MEETINGS

December 7th Celebration



At the December 7th meeting, the local Leo's, under the direction of Tricia Price, performed patriotic and holiday songs. The club enjoyed a delicious patriotic cake. Finally, Steve Glass read the Pledge of Allegiance as broadcast by comedian and performer, Red Skelton. Go to the Clarksburg Lion web site to see a short movie of this event.

Christmas Party on December 14th

On 12/14, the Clarksburg Lions held a very successful Christmas Party at the Duff Street Church. Members brought the most delicious food and desserts. Members also brought food for the less fortunate for the local food pantry.

A young woman, Tiara, and her mother were introduced. The Lions Clubs of West Virginia sponsored Tiara's attendance to Camp Know-Ko-Ma, a diabetic camp for youth. This was followed by singing from Leo Member Alissa, singing a number of Christmas Carols. The entire audience joined in singing a number of holiday favorites.

Finally, Lion Steve emceed the auction of gifts brought in by attending members. Steve kept the auction rolling along with a dance in his step and humorous attempts to get members to bid higher. Go to the Clarksburg Web page to see a movie highlighting these events.

December 21 Meeting

Our guest speaker, Mike Nardella, provided an informative overview of his fish farm, Rainbowhead Farms, which raises recreational and commercial cool and warm water fish, such as, Rainbow Trout, Large Mouth Bass, Yellow Perch, Catfish, Hybrid Bream, Blue Gill, Crappie, Koi, and Fathead Minnows. Some fish are raised in cold water while others are raised in warmer water. Cold water fish, when exposed to warm water, become stressed and stop eating. Obviously, that is not good.



He also raises sterile Grass Carp. The Carp are sterile because they are not native to West Virginia and if they reproduced in the wild, they could damage the environment. The sterile Carp help to control wild grasses and weeds that damage ecosystems. It requires a special license to raise or use Grass Carp.

Last year, the fish farm had a problem with bears breaking into the farm. First, the bears eat the fish food. Then they learned to go after the fish. It required extensive expansion of the farm's security fences to curb the intrusion.

December 27 Meeting

At the 12/27 evening meeting, guest speaker Rabbi David Feder, Morgantown Tree of Life congregation, spoke about the ongoing effort to combine the Morgantown (110 families) and Clarksburg (10 families) Synagogues. The Morgantown group follows a reform tradition while Clarksburg represents the a conservative tradition. It will take time for these two communities to mesh into a single community. Rabbi Feder provided background on the differences between the reform and conservative Jewish communities. He also spoke about the training and education required to be a Rabbi.



Tentative Upcoming Events

- * The 12th Annual Leadership School will be held 1/25-27/2008, at the Waterfront Place Hotel, Morgantown, WV. The Leadership School's mission is to enhance Lion members' leadership skills and deepen their commitment to community services. Clarksburg Lion Milt Laughland will be teaching a class on Web Page design.
- * Flag Day - 2/15/08 - Milt Laughland, Coordinator.
- * Elimination Dinner - 3/14/08 - Steve Glass, Coordinator.
- * Sight Conservation Date - 4/4/08 - Stumpie Bice, Coordinator.
- * 86th State Convention - 4/25-27/08 - Pullman Plaza Hotel, Huntington, WV.

Lion Clubs Quarterly Video Magazine

The International Lion Clubs Web Site contains a quarterly video magazine. The January edition contains inspiring stories of Lions efforts to bring an Iraqi girl to Wisconsin to give her the gift of sight; fight hunger in South Africa; generate fun and fellowship during a Ski for Sight weekend; and previews Bangkok, the host city for the 91st International Convention. To view this site, go to: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.shtml>

Remember: We keep the Clarksburg Web site up to date. If you don't have access to e-mail, gives us your friend's or relative's e-mail address and we'll keep you up to date through them.