



International Association of Lions Clubs
CLARKSBURG LIONS CLUB

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True happiness...is not attained through self-gratification, but through fidelity to a worthy purpose. - Helen Keller -

CURRENT NEWS

RELAY FOR LIFE DONATION: The Clarksburg Lions gave a \$150 donation to the Clarksburg Relay for Life campaign this June.

CECIL JARVIS GREATER CLARKSBURG 10K RUN: The Clarksburg Lion members volunteered to support the race on Saturday morning, June 14th. The race started at 8:30 a.m.

FOOD DONATION: The Clarksburg Lions gave \$197.37 worth of canned and dry foods to the Duff Street United Methodist Church Food Pantry.

CLUB OFFICIALS:

On June 26th evening meeting, the following officers were installed to serve for the next year:

President: Jim Richison

First VP: Patty Lambernedis

Second VP: Linda Ott

Immediate PP: Bob Kesling

Secretary: Howard Mall

Treasurer: Steve Glass

Membership Dir: Cindy Glass

Lion Tamer: Mickey Petitto

Tail Twister: Don Niles

One-Year Directors: Nick Lambernedis & Al Cox

Two-Year Director: Andy Ray

Three-Year Director: Clay Ott & Warren Wilson

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Two outstanding young women were awarded this year's scholarship. The first was Jordan Glass, whose long years of association with the Lions as a Leo and her dedication to her studies and community made her a natural winner. The second woman was Paige Peters, who had overcome adversities in her life to be a good student and an active person in her community. These women exemplify the type of youth that Lionism supports so that they may become productive citizens to our community.



In the pictures above, Scholarship Chairperson Lion Linda Ott presents the scholarship awards to Jordan Glass (left picture) and Paige Peters (right picture).

CLUB MEETINGS

June 6th Meeting: Gwen Cornman and Tressa Shaw from the H.I.S. Bridgebuilders, a service-based ministry, discussed H.I.S. Bridgebuilders' activities in the Clarksburg Area. H.I.S. is "Hope in Salvation."

H.I.S. Mission unites and mobilizes the body of Christ to bring transformation to cities through salvation and restoration of communities for the glory of God. H.I.S. is a 14-year old Dallas based ministry. H.I.S. focuses on:

- * Spiritual development
- * Education
- * Employment training
- * Economic development
- * Medical

Tressa Shaw and Gwen Cornman →



They are focusing on two areas in Clarksburg:

Laurel Lanes: Implementing programs to assist throughout the year through such programs as Moments for Tots, Girls Scouts, Life Skills Counseling, Children's Story Time, Weekly Bible Studies, Backyard Bible School, Summer Relay, and Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations.

Monticello Avenue projects:

- * Second Annual Operation Clean Sweep. Last year six tons of trash and debris were removed from the area.
- * Paint homes in lower section of Monticello - summer 2008
- * Back-to-school event (August 16) with various health groups with health information and screenings.
- * Restore building at 127 Haymond Highway, for use as a community center.

For additional information, go to the following web site: www.hisbridgebuilders.org/.
E-mail to mimigwen@verizon.net or TShawAFC@AFlameforChrist.org.

JUNE 13TH MEETING: Barbara Grigg, Outreach Director, Clarksburg Mission, provided an overview of the Mission's efforts to help the less fortunate. The following information is paraphrased from the Mission's brochure. It has been split into two sections - Deeds and Needs:

Deeds: The Clarksburg Mission is the only facility in Harrison County that houses the homeless and feeds those in need. The men's dorm houses 14 men while the women's dorm houses 16 women and children. There are three units for entire families. These people come from many circumstances - fire in their home, domestic abuse, financial calamity, and more.



In 2007, Clarksburg Mission provided (numbers rounded out):

- * 400 nights of shelter for minors in dorms,
- * 800 nights of shelter for children,
- * 800 nights of shelter for parents in our family housing units,
- * 2,200 nights of shelter for adult women.
- * 23 % of our homeless in 2007 were children with an average age of seven.

- * Feed approximately 2,500-3,000 meals per month to individuals and families who would otherwise go hungry.
- * When available, provide free bread and sweets to those in need.
- * Each weekday, serves lunch each noon and dinner at 5 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday, meals are served at 2 p.m.

Together with Job Service, the Mission's Employment Initiative Program helps hone job hunting and interview skills. Professional attire for job interviews are provided when residents cannot afford them. Resume writing assistance is provided, The Brief and Occasional Place for Children Program provides safe, clean day care for residents getting back into the work world.

Needs: What Lions Can Do:

- * Call Me List - You provide a specific service or skill under certain conditions.
- * Cash Donations - Always helpful.
- * Thrift Store Donations - donate usable items from your attic, closets, and garage.
- * Bulk Up the Baler Event - Donate fabric, shoes, purses, pillows, blankets belts, etc.
- * Cooks and Servers - Provide, prepare, and serve one meal per month.
- * Jobs - Short-term or permanent work for Mission residents at your business.

The Clarksburg Mission strives to be good neighbors, and to help others aspire to do likewise. Tours of the mission can be arranged. Ms. Grigg will gladly speak at civic and professional meetings about the Mission and how citizens can help. The Mission has the following website: Web: www.clarksburgmission.org.

JUNE 20TH MEETING: The meeting celebrated West Virginia Day with song and a quiz. Attendees sang the West Virginia Song and John Denver's "Country Roads" song. This was followed by a series of trivia questions about West Virginia.

We then heard from the four young high school adults that our Lions Club sponsored to the Girls and Boys State Conference (Douglas Waxman, Maria Sellas, Abigail Hall, and Michael Carvelli). Attendees learned about local and state government. They campaigned for different government positions and if elected, learned the responsibilities and duties of their position.



Maria became one of 22 senators. Mike participated on the County Board of Education. Abigail served as a County Supervisor. Douglas became a House Delegate.

JULY MEETING SCHEDULE

At time of mailing this newsletter, a July schedule had not been set. Check our web site for updates. Also check the Exponent Telegraph newspaper's Community Events Section for club meetings.

JULY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

1972 - Art Hixenbaugh 1983 - Ed Jones 2000 - Roberta Freeman 2002 - Jim Richison