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# Between the Lions

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**Science may have found a cure for most evils; but it has found no remedy for the worst of them all - the apathy of human beings. *Helen Keller***

## A FEW WORDS FROM OUR CLUB PRESIDENT

July started a new year for the Clarksburg Lions Club and some exciting things are already happening. The vice-presidents, Linda Ott and Clay Ott, and I met to select committee chairpersons. When contacted all agreed to chair a committee. Please consider participating in one or more of our committees. We need everyone's help.

On June 22, the vice-presidents and I received officer training conducted by Lion Steve Glass. On May 20th, a retreat was held at Nick's and my home. Many ideas were discussed for the coming year and some exciting new projects were put forth. I felt very positive about the discussions.

The Community Outreach Committee under the chairmanship of Mary Adkins and Warren Wilson have been very busy. On July 18th, club members rang bells for the Salvation Army Christmas in July. Upcoming on August 7-8, members will assist the Health Access in their yard sale. Members are also asked to collect small containers of shampoo, soap, etc. for the Open Door.

The Ways & Means Committee, under the chairman, Clay Ott, is working on participating in the Shinnston city-wide yard sale the first weekend in August. The committee is also working on new fund raising projects for this next year. Look for the first new project in October.

I am looking forward to working this year with all our members and getting to know everyone. Please participate in our club's projects and activities. When you read this Nick and I will be on the high seas. Bon Voyage!! **Lion Patty**

## MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

### July 10th Meeting

Guest speaker, Mayor Margaret Bailey, the second woman mayor in the history of Clarksburg, outlined some of her goals:

- Demolition Program--after the city demolishes the neglected homes, the city will be responsible for maintaining the vacant lots.
- Facade Program, TIFF District.
- Streetscape and Garden Program--city is repairing broken and missing street signs.
- Attract businesses to downtown by offering incentives, such as tax relief.
- Address Glen Elk problems, such as homelessness.

## JULY 24TH MEETING

Paul Howe, Harrison County School Board President, provided an overview of the Harrison County School system. Local schools are part of a state school system and receive their principle funding from property taxes which are distributed by the state. Harrison County has a \$118 million budget and around 1,500 employees. Excess teachers and staff must be paid using levies. It costs \$9,000 per pupil. Harrison is the 6th largest school system in the state. It costs \$6 million a year for transportation. The largest grant is a \$6.9 million for the Lumberport Elementary School. School system is subject to a very large Rules and Regulations Book which describes the procedures and requirements that all state schools must adhere. Finally, Mr. Howe discussed consolidation issues. Some make the case that local schools provide better education while consolidating provides more opportunities for the same amount of funding.



## NOTES

- The club has collected 744 eye glasses since January.
- Club has 4 burial plots for sale. Plots are located at Floral Hills Cemetary in Quiet Dell.
- Mystery Dinner Theater will be held **October 9th and 10th**. On the 9th, we charge \$15 and will only serve dessert. On the 10th, we charge \$30 and will serve dinner. Theater will be held at the Benedum Center in Bridgeport. There will be 100 tickets available for each night. Details to follow.
- Brooms and Dish Clothes: The Club will once again sell brooms and dish clothes. We won't be going door-to-door but selling the items as people request them. So, Club members should let their friends and business associates know that we now sell brooms and dish clothes which have always had the reputation for quality.
- District Governor's Night on **September 10th**. Cost is \$12 per person. Location will be announced at a later date.

## CLUB PICNIC

The Club Activities Committee thanks everyone who attended our annual club picnic on July 17th. We had a memorable evening of good food, fun, and fellowship with 89 Lions and guests in attendance! It was great to see some of our Lions that have not been able to attend for a while, as well as Sanna, Ellenora, and Susanna, our Finnish youth exchanges, and Emily Green, one of the RCB students that we sponsored to Girls State. The Club Activities Committee made a concerted effort to involve and focus on our youth, and to increase our attendance substantially. Based on the attendance and number of youth that we had, we achieved our goal. We are off to a great start, let's keep up the momentum!



## AUGUST CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

1970 David Carpenter	1990 Mickey Petitto	1999 Terri Tichenor
1999 Andy Ray	2001 Dave Goddard	2002 Kathy Holmes
2006 Virginia McVehil	2006 Harold Appleton	

## **SPECIAL THANKS**

On July 18th, Clarksburg Lions Club supported the Salvation Army's Christmas in July fund raiser event by ringing the bell in front of the Kroger Store. Special thanks to the following Lions who gave up part of their Saturday to support this event: David Carpenter, Jim Harris, Howard Mall, Doug Aspy, Steve, Cindy, and Jordan Glass, Cindy Glass, Joe and Mary Laughland, Stumpie Bice, and Warren Wilson.

## **HELP NEEDED**

**OPEN DOOR:** Open Door has asked us to start saving the small bottles of toiletries (hotel/motel size). The club will have more information later about how we'll collect these and for how long. **UPDATE:** Bring toiletries to the Club meetings.

**HEALTH ACCESS FLEA MARKET: August 7th & 8th** - Presbyterian Church. Need volunteers for setting up and cleaning. Lion Jim Harris is coordinating.

**MONTICELLO FAIR. August 15th.** Clarksburg Lions Club members may be participating in the Back to School Health Fair and Cookout on Monticello Avenue. Members will man the Lions Mobile Eye Truck to conduct eye and glaucoma tests; distributed diabetes awareness flyers; and distributed membership information about Lionism. The Club has awarded \$300 for backpacks which will be distributed to children during the event. E-mail us if you can help.

**CAR SHOW HELP:** The Annual District 29-L Car Show (now called the Dan Dague Memorial Car & Bike Show For Sight) will take place at Cabela's Distribution Center in Wheeling, on Labor Day, **September 7th**. Last year's show raised \$20,000 for the Sight Foundation. All Lions are encouraged to help. If you would be interested in working a shift at a food booth, donating baked goods for the food booths, or helping in some other way, please contact Steve or Cindy Glass or e-mail [clarksburglions@gmail.com](mailto:clarksburglions@gmail.com).

## **2009 DISTRICT 29-I FALL CONFERENCE**

The 2009 District 29-I Fall Conference will be held at the Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center, **October 23 to Sunday, October 25**. \$45 registration, and \$72.80 per night room rate. Go to our web site for registration and schedule information.

## **EYE GLASS DROP OFF CENTERS**

The Clarksburg Lions have drop boxes at the following locations:

- Court House on the ground floor by the Sheriff's Tax Collection Office
- United Hospital Center by the ground floor elevators
- Maplewood Senior Living Community in Bridgeport

## **NEXT REGULAR MEETINGS**

August 14th and August 28th