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There is no king who has not had a slave among his ancestors, and no slave who has not had a king among his. - Helen Keller

DECEMBER EVENTS

Spaghetti Dinner - December 5th, Friday: The Clarksburg Lions Club held its annual spaghetti dinner at the Clarksburg VFW. We did not get as large a turnout as in past years because of the cold weather and the last minute date change. However, those who did buy dinners had a very enjoyable spaghetti dinner. Many of the dinners were delivered to local businesses during lunch time. Special thanks to all you participated. If you would like to see a short movie on the spaghetti dinner, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YPL2zUbMZ9Y>.

Veteran's Christmas Party - December 9th, Monday: The Clarksburg Lions Club sponsored a Christmas Party at the Veterans Hospital under the chairmanship of PP Robert Kesling. They played bingo with the troops with Jim Richison calling the numbers. Nick Lamberedis, Rob and Susan Gifford, Howard "Rusty" Mall, and Levi Ellis passed out winnings, along with pizza, soft drinks, and cookies.

What a surprise when Lions Charlie and Roberta Freeman joined the festivities. Charlie sang White Christmas and Silent night for the group. What a pleasure it was to hear Life Member Charlie's wonderful voice once again.

Club Christmas Party - December 12th, Friday: The Clarksburg Lions Club held it's annual Christmas dinner at the Duff Street U.M. Church social hall. The Club supplied the meat and members brought covered dishes. Families, friends, guests, and prospective members enjoyed a lovely evening of socializing and entertainment - including gifts for the kids, Christmas caroling, a poem dedication to the troops, a Christmas skit, and other activities. We also had a white elephant auction that collected over \$300. Finally, members brought non-perishable food products for the Duff Street Pantry. A short movie is available at http://www.clarksburglions.com/my_weblog/2008-lions-christmas-party.html.

Club Meeting - December 19th, Friday: Mike Stewart spoke to the Club concerning Teen Challenge (TC), an addiction recovery program. Mike shared his personal experience with TC and how it changed his life. Teen Challenge provides youth, adults, and children an effective and comprehensive faith-based solution to drug and alcohol addiction as well as other life-controlling problems. TC reaches out to people from all backgrounds, with particular emphasis on the urban poor, women, and ethnic minorities.

In West Virginia, TC has a facility in Princeton, WV. Appalachian TC is a 12 to 14 month residential training school for young men ages 18 and up. Soon, TC will begin accepting young women. The program offers discipleship training, which includes Bible based topical studies, so that the students learn to function as Christians in society. It is through these Biblical principles and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that the young men are able to overcome their life controlling problems, such as alcohol and/or drug addiction, anger management, etc. These principles also help students strengthen their relationships with family and develop into emotionally balanced, socially adjusted, and spiritually alive individuals. The students are introduced to their loving and gracious personal Savior, Jesus! For more details on TC, go to www.teenchallengecares.com.



Board of Directors Meeting - December 23, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m: The Clarksburg Lions Club's Board of Directors met. One particular topic concerned when to hold meetings. The attendees' consensus was that evening meetings had not attracted many members who were not able to attend noon day meetings. Therefore, the club will return to day time meetings twice a month. Once a schedule is established with Minards Restaurant, the new schedule will be posted in this Newsletter and e-mailed to members.

In addition, the nature of the noon day meetings may be changed to a social hour rather than having guest speakers. It has been difficult to get program coordinators. If you have someone of interest that you would like to invite to speak to the club, contact a club officer. If you have an idea for a theme for the meeting, let us know.

Business meetings will be held once a month in the evening to allow members to attend an evening meeting when day time is not possible.

MEETINGS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

January 9th - Noon - Minards Restaurant - Guest speaker is Bryan Cade. He will discuss his "Learn to Live Program" concerning how to live healthy which helps in controlling blood pressure and lowering cholesterol.

January 23rd - Noon - Minards Restaurant

March 6th, 2009: Elimination Dinner. Will be held at the VFW.

M.E.R.L. Team Meeting - Zone 1

At the last Zone Meeting, the Zone 1 Clubs felt the need to recruit and retain new members. The M.E.R.L. Team has many resources to help clubs meet this need. It was decided that a regional meeting should be held for members of the M.E.R.L. Team to make a presentation.

This meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Tuesday, January 27, 2009, at the Charles Town Lions Center, 310 S. George St. in Ranson, WV. A meal will be served at 6:30 p.m.

All clubs in Zone 1 are asked to encourage their members to attend. The meeting is open to any interested Lions.

JANUARY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Paul Hill 1971

Rob Gifford 1997

Brenda Anselene 2004

DECLARATION OF SERVICE and NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

Al Brandel, President - The International Association of Lions Clubs - provided the following message:

In September, I announced that Lions Clubs International had joined forces with ServiceNation – a coalition of hundreds of organizations from all sectors of America – united with the common goal of meeting the needs of communities through service. Never before have we had an opportunity like this to share the Lions mission with such a large group of kindred partners and demonstrate our commitment to service.

As part of ServiceNation, we are being asked to sign off on a Declaration of Service to state that we believe in the power of service and that we are ready to do our part. I urge Lions to unite and take part in this effort.

Go to <http://www.bethechangeaction.org/pledge/sign> to read the brief Declaration of Service and to add your name to this very important document.

In addition, as a leading service organization, we've been asked to help organize service projects for Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Day, January 19, 2009. This is a great opportunity to come together in shared purpose to tackle the common challenges we face. On this day, I ask that Lions organize service projects such as eye screenings or non-perishable food drives. Visit <http://feedingamerica.org/foodbank-results.aspx> to locate a food bank through the Feed America network; or, contact local social service agencies to find out where the greatest need is. I know many Lions clubs distribute food directly to needy families, which is another option.

I will get back to you after the New Year with additional information regarding MLK Day. In the meantime, please begin planning your service project for January 19th and circulate the Declaration of Service link to fellow Lions and friends. Please contact Caryn Adolph, manager of International Activities at Caryn.Adolph@lionsclubs.org with any questions.

Remember, it's the everyday heroes performing miracles through service that make this country great. Thank you for reaching out to help those in need this time of year. Best wishes to you and your family this holiday season and in the New Year!

BIG BUCKS BINGO FUND RAISING:

REMEMBER: This project raises funds by Lion members volunteering to work the registers at the Village Square the 1st Saturday of each month. Volunteers are always needed. If you can join the Lions in this fund raising event, please contact Mickey Petitto or send an e-mail to clarksburglions@gmail.com. This event raises between \$200 to \$300 a month.

Clarksburg Lions Movies

Would you like to see the Clarksburg Lions Movies? Go to YouTube and search for 'CLARKSBURGLIONS'