



# Wardensville Lions Club

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### Club Officers

President	Steve Rhoades
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Meet at Wardensville War Memorial Building 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

### Dates to Remember

**November 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Regular Meeting – 6:00 pm  
Wardensville War Memorial Building

**November 21<sup>st</sup> - NO REGULAR MEETING – Happy Thanksgiving!**

**November 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Board of Director's Meeting – 7:00 pm  
Home of Steve Rhoades

**December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Regular Meeting – 6:00 pm  
Wardensville War Memorial Building

**December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Senior Christmas Dinner – 12:30 pm  
Wardensville War Memorial Building

**December 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Board of Director's Meeting – 7:00 pm  
Home of Steve Rhoades

**December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
Merry Christmas

### Web links

Lions Club International  
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>  
WV Multiple District  
<http://www.wvions.org/>  
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## Mobile Eye Screening Unit at Wardensville Fall Festival

Our club hosted the Mobile Eye Screening Unit (MESU) at the Wardensville Fall Festival on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>. The MESU is provided by West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation and is the only such unit available for events throughout the state. The MESU provides equipment to screen for visual acuity and glaucoma.



Lion Aggie Mason assists people in signing-up to have their eyes screened. After a short training session, club members volunteered to operate the two eye screening machines. Lions Jack Boothe, Garry Moore, Steve Rhoades, Aggie Mason, Ann Heishman, Jon Crowe, Patty Austin, Lorrie and Henry Krautwurst volunteered to provide this service to our community. While most people can detect changes in how clearly they are able to see, they can't detect the change in their internal eye pressures. The eye pressure is an early indicator of glaucoma. This year we saw an 81% increase of people having their eyes screened as compared to last year. Forty five percent of the people screened were referred for follow-up with a doctor.



Lion Ann Heishman explains test results

Lion Lorrie Krautwurst records a client's responses



President Steve Rhoades drives his way through the parade

'Lion' Patty joins the parade representing both Wardensville Lions Club and Capon Valley Neighbor to Neighbor



## Wardensville Lions Club Partners in Health Fair

Capon Valley Neighbor to Neighbor is sponsoring the *Capon Valley Health Fair* in cooperation with the Capon Valley Ruritan Club, American Red Cross, Wardensville Lions Club, and other organizations.

Our club will participate in a Health Fair from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Saturday October 27, 2012 at the Capon Valley Ruritan in Yellow Spring. The American Red Cross will be on hand running a blood drive. With the holidays fast approaching the blood supply can become critically low – so come out and give the gift of life.

- **Obtain Health Information** – Learn your cholesterol and glucose levels as well as other health information from the Valley Health Coach. (Fasting recommended) It's FREE
- **Eye Screening** – The Wardensville Lions will have eye-screening equipment at the fair to screen your eyesight for visual acuity and glaucoma.
- **Learn What Yoga Can do for You** – Deborah Fitzner and her class will have a brief demonstration of the benefits of yoga – Good for all ages!
- **Flu Shots** – Prepare for this year's flu season by getting a flu shot from the Health Department at the Health Fair.
- **Disaster Preparedness Information** – Obtain disaster preparedness information from the Health Department.
- **Fingerprinting** – The Sheriff's Office will offer information on the D.A.R.E. program, fingerprinting, primarily for children, and will also provide other useful information.
- **Improve Your Dental Hygiene** – Pamphlets are supplied by Dr. Dolly of Capon Bridge.
- **Eyeglass, Hearing Aid, and Cell-Phone Pickup Basket** – if you have a pair of eyeglasses, old hearing aid, or a cell phone that you no longer need, you can donate them for use by others. (*A needy individual can use your old cell phone to call 911 in case of an emergency.*)
- **Neighbors' Basket of Goodies!** – The drawing for the *Capon Valley Neighbor to Neighbor* Basket of Neighbors' Goodies will be drawn. Suggested Donation for tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5.
- **Red Cross Blood Drive** -- Call Alanna McGuinn at (304) 856-3805 to sign up, or just come and give.
- **Fire Safety** – presented by the Capon Springs Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department
- **And More** – You won't want to miss this FREE event!

**President Steve Says...**

The Wardensville Lions Club motto is "We Serve". Most people think of Quartets on Parade, the Raffle Dinner, chicken barbeques, support for senior citizens and students, eye screenings and glasses and support for local, state and international causes. However, what are not usually recognized are the active and leadership roles OUR Lions play in all our local groups. Here is a partial list of organizations in which Lions have an active involvement: the Wardensville Town Council, the Planning Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Capon Valley Bank Board, the Community Center Board, the

War Memorial Building Board, the Cemetery Board, the Library Board, the Park Board, the VFW, the Fire Department, Capon Valley Neighbor to Neighbor, the Baker Mathias and Capon Valley Ruritan Clubs, the Wardensville Scholarship Fund Committee, the Hardy County Foundation and many area churches. With our Lions club members serving active leadership roles in all of these groups and more, we are certainly serving our community.

**Just a Reminder...**

October 31<sup>st</sup> is Halloween and children are likely to be out searching for treats. Make sure your children have some type of reflective costume or material on their costumes so they can easily be seen.

**Service Anniversaries**

We have no service anniversaries during the month of November.

Our annual Seniors Christmas Dinner will be on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm and the Wardensville War Memorial Building. As always there will be entertainment and take-out available.

We need help delivering take-out meals and providing transportation for those who otherwise would not be able to attend. Help bring the joy of the season to others by signing-up to help when sign-up sheet is passed around.





WV Lions District 29-I Fall Conference was held on Saturday October 20, 2012 at Blackwater Falls State Park. On Saturday morning, there was a District Cabinet meeting where all of the zone chairs made reports on the activities within each of the zones. Each committee chair in the Cabinet made their reports.

After lunch, there were two seminars. International Director, Carolyn Messier, presented the first seminar. She discussed the impact women have made in Lionism. She noted that 51% of the world population is women. However, only 24% of all Lion members are women. She pointed out that men recommend the majority of new female members and that women recommend men more often than not. The second seminar was presented by District Leadership Team Coordinator, Lion Gary Van Horn. He discussed new eye screening equipment being considered for acquisition by the District. There are two different pieces of equipment which are intended primarily for use with children that will significantly simplify the screening process. It takes about 1 second to screen a child's eyes and gives an immediate result of pass or refer to a doctor. This equipment will enhance the eye screening service that WV Lions will be able to provide in their communities.

Our keynote speaker at the evening banquet was International Director Carolyn Messier who is from Windsor Locks, CT. She talked about the impact of Lionism around the world. She related a story of meeting a woman in a store. ID Carolyn was attending a Lions conference and the woman noticed her Lions name badge and pin. She said that when the woman was young and still in high school she was given a challenge to improve her grades with the chance to receive a scholarship to college. The woman did receive a scholarship from Lion and ultimately earned her Ph.D. She tried to locate the Lions club that provided the scholarship and found that the club had disbanded. When she noticed ID Messier as a Lion, she said she wanted to 'just thank' a Lion for the help she received.



ID Carolyn also talked about how Lions helped her brother-in-law when he suddenly went blind at age 40 because of an autoimmune attack on the optic nerve. Some years later Lions helped with a surgery that restored the man's sight to the point he could make out faces at about 10 feet distant. She also talked about the importance of bringing in new and younger members who will be able to carry Lionism forward in the years to come.



It is never too early to get your children involved in our club. Abigail Hubbard is the daughter of the Conference Chairman and she is receiving a pin for helping her mom throughout the conference planning process.



After the evening program ended, Gary Mason enjoyed a conversation with ID Carolyn Messier. Ask Gary what he has in common with the Messiers.



DG Barbara Fishel was in the process of reading an award certificate for her husband (Jack). DG Barbara was standing down on the floor below the podium and head table. Unbeknownst to her, Lion Jack had left the table to go to the bathroom. The look on her face was priceless when she turned to her husband and he was GONE! She looked at the empty place at the table and asked, "Is he in the bathroom!?" She dispatched Lion Linda Van Horn to retrieve him. She then told us her nickname for him is Houdini because whenever they go into a store together he disappears and she finds herself standing in the middle of the floor talking to herself. You think Lion Jack gave Clint Eastwood any ideas... After being retrieved from the bathroom, she was able to properly present his award.



Each year at the District Conference, all of the clubs bring checks supporting the various programs that are associated with Lions. You know it as the Parade of Checks. The District Governor calls the name of each club and reads the amount donated by that club to each program and then the total amount the club donated. A club representative comes to the front of the room and stands in a line, which spreads across the front of the head table. This year our club donated a total of \$1,000 to support the following programs: WV Lions Sight Conservation Foundation, Lions Club International Foundation, Diabetes, Leader Dog, Low Vision, Multiple District Deaf & Blind Recreation, Pilot Dog, Romney Study Work Program and the Mobile Eye Screening Unit.

