



Wardensville Lions Club

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Club Officers

President	Steve Rhoades
1 st Vice President	Jon Crowe
2 nd Vice President	Linwood Rudolph
3 rd Vice President	Patricia Austin
Secretary	Lorrie Krautwurst
Treasurer	Arnold Heishman
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Meet at Wardensville War Memorial Building
 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Dates to Remember

September 10th

Next meeting – 6:00 pm
 Capon Springs & Farms

September 22nd

Raffle Dinner – 7:00 pm
 Wardensville War Memorial Building

September 26th

Regular Meeting – 6:00 pm
 Wardensville War Memorial Building

October 10th

Regular Meeting – 6:00 pm
 Wardensville War Memorial Building

October 12th, 13th & 14th

Wardensville Fall Festival

October 17th

Board of Director's Meeting – 7:00 pm
 Home of Steve Rhoades

October 19th & 20th

District 29-I Fall Conference
 Blackwater Falls State Park

October 24th

Regular Meeting – 6:00 pm
 Wardensville War Memorial Building

Web links

Lions Club International
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.php>
 WV Multiple District
<http://www.wvlions.org/>
 Wardensville Lions Club
<http://clubhouse.org/sites/wardensville/index.php>



On August 8, 2012 we hosted a visit from our District Governor Barbara Fishel, 1st Vice District Governor, George Quinn, 2nd Vice District Governor Doug Long, our Zone 3 Chairman, Lion Carolyn Bowman and our own Past District Governor, Dutch Frye. District Governor Barbara's husband Lion Jack, Lion Carolyn's husband Lion Gary and Past District Governor Dutch's wife Katie also joined us for the evening.

The evening started with a covered dish dinner with Lion Red Funkhouser's barbecued chicken. Our thanks go out to Lions Jon Crowe and Gary Moore who cooked the chicken with that still secret barbeque recipe of Lion Red's.

Lion Steve introduced Lion Carolyn Bowman who in turn provided us with a biographical background of District Governor Barbara Fishel. As we learned, District Governor Barbara has had a long and wide ranging experience in Lions. Having held every office in her club, other than Lion Tamer, she went on to hold a variety of offices within the District. One of the things we learned is that District Governor Barbara must be farm animal challenged as she was presented with a sheep and a cow so that she can tell them apart. And, *she says* she was raised on a farm...



District Governor Barbara spoke to the group about her goals for our district for the coming year. She recognized what our club has been doing for the last year and commended the club for its service to our community. I want to provide her vision and goals for the District so that we can keep them before us as we plan our year. This will allow us be involved in helping meet those goals.



Vision - To promote and encourage our Lions and Lions Clubs to be more visible in their respective communities and within District 29 I.

Mission Statement - To set an example through quality leadership abilities to encourage dedicated and qualified Lions to become more involved in Lionism.

Theme - "LIONS DELIVER"

Lions DELIVER through service to their clubs, their communities, and their District.
 Lions DELIVER through daily service to those in need.
 Lions DELIVER unselfishly through club service projects.
 Lions DELIVER through their commitment towards fellow Lions.

Goals

1. Encourage each club in District to set attainable goals to increase membership in the District by 5% over the June 30, 2012 figure.
2. Form one new Lions Club in District.
3. Form one new Leo Club in District.
4. Encourage clubs to support and contribute to Lions charities.
5. Encourage clubs to conduct at least one service project that will promote their club within their respective community.
6. To promote and encourage the goals and objectives set forth by the Global Membership Team and the Global Leadership Team for the District.

Zone Chairman Carolyn Bowman presented two length of service chevrons. Lion Linwood Rudolph receives a 10-year service chevron



Here Lion Richard Finley receives a 35yr chevron.



President Steve Rhoades presented Les Barr with a 50-year pin and Les receives a hearty Congratulations from District Governor Barbara Fishel.



Congratulations to Lions Linwood, Richard and Les on their long and dedicated service to Lions and our community. **Thank you!**



District Governor Barbara Fishel prepares to present her District Governor's pin to President Steve Rhoades and Secretary Lorrie Krautwurst. Each District Governor designs their own pin. Note the mailbox on the pin. The significance is that the District Governor retired from the United States Postal Service.



District Governor Fishel also discussed International President, Wayne Madden's theme for this year, 'World of Service' and his Reading Action Program (RAP).

Reading Action Program (RAP)

As part of this year's "A World of Service" theme, International President Wayne Madden is challenging Lions to participate in the Reading Action Program to focus on increasing literacy and access to learning resources through their service. There are nearly 800 million people around the world today who cannot read.¹ This fact is astonishing given how important one's ability to read is for learning and development. Literacy not only forms the basis for individual academic, occupational, and social success,² but it can also empower communities to fight poverty, reduce child mortality, achieve gender equality, and ensure peace and democracy.³

Reading and School Readiness

Reading aloud to young children is one the most effective ways to prepare children to succeed in school. However, many children, particularly those living in poverty, are not exposed to books and reading until they begin attending school. Research shows that books contain many words that children are unlikely to encounter frequently in spoken language. Children's books actually contain 50% more rare words than primetime television or even college students' conversations.⁴ How can you help a child succeed in school? Serve as a volunteer reader or organize a book drive Reading and Special Needs Based on US statistics, only 10 percent of blind children are learning Braille. While audio devices are useful sources of information for blind people, only Braille offers complete command of written language. However, 85 percent of blind children attend public schools where few teachers know Braille. This percentage is even greater in developing countries that lack access to resources and teachers with Braille knowledge⁵. Find organizations that you can work with to reverse this trend.

Access to Information and the Digital Divide

Access to technology notably affects literacy rates. The Internet provides opportunities for people to improve their lives. When people go online, they can get health information, use government services, manage finances, look for jobs, and do research for school. For most people in developing and transitioning countries, quality Internet access is not available or affordable. There is a great inequality in the global distribution of information technology. Worldwide, approximately 5 billion people—nearly 90 percent of the world's population—do not have an opportunity to use computers connected to the internet.⁶ Learn what the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is doing to bridge the digital divide and how you can help.

Technology for Facilitated Learning

Technology provides a wide variety of tools which can be used by people who are blind or have low vision to access information. The American Foundation for the Blind's goal is to provide the information you need to learn about available technology and even discover new ways to use technology to enhance your everyday life.⁷ [Learn about assistive technology products for individuals with visual impairments](#)

Books and Learning Resources

Before children can be taught effectively, schools or other educational institutions must be created and stocked with adequate teaching materials. Rural schools in many poorer countries are severely limited in their supplies. They may lack textbooks, paper, desks, blackboards, chairs – even pencils. Without good textbooks or other classroom resources, more teachers cannot necessarily improve the quality of learning (UNESCO). [Learn about ways you can help get resources into classrooms](#)

Membership is always an important topic with any organization. As our membership grows so does the strength of our club. Membership numbers shrink over time for a variety of reasons. In the near future we will be holding a membership evening. So, over the next several weeks please think of neighbors, family members, people with whom you do business or go to church with that you believe may be interested in joining our Club. Jot their names down and give that information to Les Barr who is our Membership Chairman. These names will provide a pool of people that we can invite to a special membership evening.

As with anything we do in life, we only get out of it what we put into it. The same goes for participation in our club. We all enjoy the fruits of our labor when we see a successful Quartets on Parade program, Easter Egg Hunt or Raffle Dinner. All of these programs provide the support we need in order to support not only programs in our community but also on a wider scale in our district as well as through Lions Club International. As we visit other clubs and attend state conventions, leadership schools and district conferences we come back to our club with ideas and gained knowledge on ways to make our meetings more interesting and ways in which we can add value to our community. With that said, you will find a registration form below for District 29-1 Fall Conference, which will be held October 19-20, 2012 at Black Water Falls State Park. If you can't attend Friday evening's program consider coming down for Saturday.



District Governor, Barbara Fishel gets ready to sample some good home cookin'

Past District Governor Dutch Frye and his wife enjoying the evening

