



Wardensville Lions Club

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Meet at Wardensville War Memorial Building
2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Dates to Remember

December 11, 2013

Regular Meeting – 6:00 pm
Wardensville War Memorial Building

December 18, 2013

There will be NO Board of Director's Meeting

December 25, 2013

No Regular Meeting
Merry Christmas

January 8, 2014

Regular Meeting – 6:00 pm
Wardensville War Memorial Building

January 15, 2014

Board of Director's Meeting – 7:00 pm
Wardensville Library

Web links

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

Newsletter Editor: Henry Krautwurst

Club to Host Youth Exchange Student from Peru

I would like you to meet Sol Angel Burga who comes to us from Trujillo which is a coastal city north and slightly west of Lima. Sol lives with her parents and a family employee. She has two older married sisters living in Lima. She enjoys sports and has been playing the piano since she was 5 years old. Sol will be graduating from high school in the next couple of weeks. Her plan is to attend the university when she returns home. She will arrive in the US on January 17, 2014 and stay until March 1, 2014.

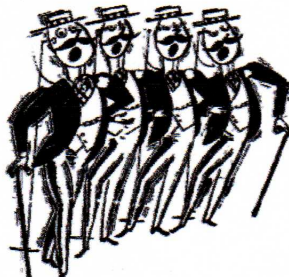


Sol was in Michigan in January and February 2013, on a Youth Exchange through Lions Club. She also hosted a Youth Exchange student from Morgantown, WV for four weeks this past summer.

Sol will be living with Teresa Albright and her family in High View. Teresa has hosted exchange students from other exchange programs and was very excited about the opportunity to host Sol. Teresa still maintains contact with some of the students she has hosted. She has developed what will be a lifelong relationship with the students she has hosted. Lion Lorrie and I still maintain close contact with Meylin and her family. Being a host family can be very rewarding experience.

If you know any high school students that might be interested in travelling abroad, or a family that might be interested in the opportunity for an experience of a lifetime please have them contact Lion Henry Krautwurst.

Quartets on Parade



Ad sales are starting to roll in. All ads must be turned in by January 22, 2014. Please try to collect payment at the time you place an ad. This will save the club the costs of mailing invoices. Lion Jack Boothe will be collecting ads and payments until Lion Steve returns from Arizona.

WV Lions Select Four Students to Travel Abroad

Each year the Lions Clubs of West Virginia provide the opportunity for several students to travel abroad through the Youth Camps & Exchange Program. Briefly, a travel grant provides funds, for students in grades 10-12 or a recent graduate, toward a four to six week cultural exchange to Finland, Japan, Italy, Peru or Australia.

On December 7, 2014 the Youth Exchange Program selection committee met in Gassaway, WV to interview those students that applied. This year twelve applications were received from students across the state. For the summer of 2014, two travel grants of \$1,500 were awarded and two in the amount of \$1,000 were awarded.



The winners are (L – R) Kahlen Browning – District N from Bolt, WV, Mandy Studivon – District O from Ripley, WV, Kelley Kulp – District I from Martinsburg, WV and Lainey Harrison – District I from Keyser, WV.

Kahlen Browning will be travelling to Japan, Mandy Studivon will be travelling to Italy, Kelley Kulp will be travelling to Australia and Lainey Harrison will be travelling to Finland. Thank you to all of the students who participated in the contest and congratulations to our winning students.

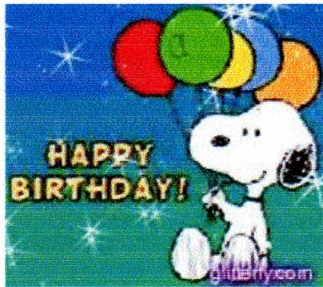
The opportunity for WV youth to travel to a foreign country can be a positive life changing force that often results in lifelong friendships. The contest serves well the Lions' objectives:

- To serve the first objective of Lionism: "To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world."
- To encourage West Virginia youth to experience cultures of other countries by cultural youth exchange arranged by Lions, which includes a 4-6 week stay with one or more host families and may include a youth camp.
- To encourage West Virginia families to host youth from other countries through the Lions International Youth Camps and Exchange program.

Editorial Note: As you know, Lions Lorrie and Henry hosted a Lions Youth Exchange Student in January and February 2013. Hosting Meylin Tan was an opportunity of a lifetime for us. It was through the Lions club that we got that opportunity. We have continued our relationship with not only Meylin, but her parents as well. I know having Meylin with us has forever changed our lives as I suspect it has for Meylin and her family. In order for the youth exchange program to work, we in West Virginia, must be able to locate prospective host families. I would ask each of you to talk with your friends, co-workers and church families about considering hosting a student from abroad. Right now, we are seeking a host family for a young man from Japan who would like to come here from July 18, 2014 thru the end of August. Please let me know if you are able to identify a host family either for this young man or another student wishing to visit.

Leadership School

Have you ever thought about becoming a leader or perhaps a better leader? The WV Lions Leadership School can help. Applications are being accepted for the January 24-26, 2014 school. Cost is \$110 per person or \$135 per person after December 15, 2013. You can apply using the application form on our club website. Our motto is: We Serve. Consider preparing yourself to step-up into a leadership role within the club.



Kenneth Frye	12/05
Linwood Rudolph	12/09
Gerald Garrett	12/10
Jim Matheson	12/17
Gary Mason	12/31

Seniors Christmas Dinner

The dinner is scheduled for Saturday December 14, 2013 at 12:30 pm at the War Memorial Building. We will need people to be greeters at the door and to help serve meals and remove dishes at the end of the meal. Also, Lions Mike & Ann Funkhouser will need volunteers to help with the delivery of carry-out meals.



A Zone meeting was held on December 1, 2013 at Colts Restaurant led by Zone Chairman, Barbara Fishel. There are several items she asked us to bring back to the club for members to think about.

- There was a discussion about donating food to the local food pantry in December. We have already done that with our donation of a check to be used to purchase Christmas hams.
- She asked that club members seriously consider stepping forward to assume leadership roles within the club. This is a way to get members involved in the club and to allow those who would like to move to the district level that opportunity.
- As always membership growth was a topic. We continue to invite new prospects who were not able to make our meeting in October.
- It was suggested that all clubs try to be more active in visiting other clubs. This a good time to meet other lions and get ideas to bring back to the club.
- The Fishing Tournament will be held on May 14, 2014 at Stonewall Resort. Lion Charlie Straley is this chairman of the tournament. Please let Lion Henry know if you would like to be involved.

East Preston Lions Club visits the WV School for the Blind



On Thursday, September 19, 2013, a group of Alpine Lake property owners and residents of the Terra Alta community visited the WV School for the Deaf and Blind in Romney to bring more than 250 brailled books for their elementary school children and teachers.

This is the 3rd year that a dedicated group of men, women and children are learning braille for the purpose of transcribing gently used and donated children's picture story books into braille. The community effort starts with the donation of these books from various sources; outgrown books, flea market books, and books discarded from the public libraries. The books are sorted by age/grade.

At left, President of East Preston Lions Club, Fred Isenock chats with the Superintendent Dr. Lynn Boyer, of the WV School for the Deaf and Blind,

With generous donations from many Alpine Lake property owners and the East Preston Lions Club, "special" laminate paper was purchased that is used to emboss the braille dots.

Sheila Amato, an Alpine Lake property owner and charter member of the East Preston Lions Club, who is a retired teacher of the blind, brings her collection of mechanical braillewriters to the Ruby Lodge every Thursday from 10 AM - 12 noon and instructs the members of this group, affectionately called *Braille Dots for Tots*, in how to emboss the tactual dots to correspond with the letters of the alphabet and punctuation of print words, and how to cut out the strips of words and affix them over the print words in the books. It is a meticulous activity that requires the concentration and dexterity of solving a challenging puzzle. Above, President of East Preston Lions Club, Fred Isenock, listens carefully as children explain what types of books they are seeking.



Books are transcribed into braille and proofread for accuracy. They are then stored until we gather enough to make an impressive showing at the school and to be able to assure that each blind child can go home with an armful of books that he/she can read by using braille. This month, we brought more than 250 brailled books to share with the children and their teachers. We have brailled and shared more than 750 books during the 3 years of this program with the blind children who attend this school. Books that are not immediately chosen are then shared with the blind children who attend mainstream schools throughout the state via an outreach program. The books that still remain are then sent to English-speaking schools for the blind in Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Liberia. *Braille Dots for Tots* is appreciative of the encouragement and support of the members of the newly formed East Preston Lions Club.

*Until we meet again, we extend our wishes to each of you for a Merry
Christmas and a Healthy & Happy New Year!
Lions Henry & Lorrie*