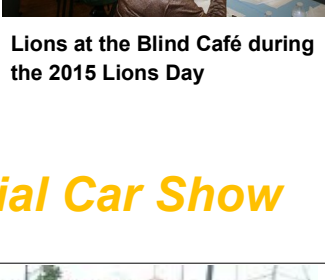


WVLSCF News

Lions Day at the West Virginia University Eye Institute

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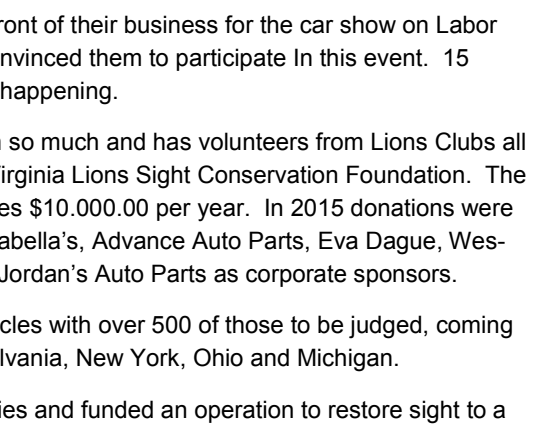
The WVU Eye Institute is hosting the 2016 Lions Day on Saturday, April 23 starting at 1:00 pm. WV Lions Club members and their families are invited to the afternoon event in which the WVU Eye Institute honors its partnership with the West Virginia Lions Clubs. There will be speakers, tours and other activities during the event. RSVP to Kim Ebert 304-598-4861



Lions at the Blind Café during the 2015 Lions Day

District 29L Dan Dague Memorial Car Show

The District 29L Dan Dague Memorial Car Show was started by Past District Governor (PDG) Dan Dague and District Governor (DG) Paul Amrhein. DG Paul asked PDG Dan to chair the "special projects event" the first year. The first two years of the event was held at the 4-H camp in New Martinsville, WV. The third year was held in El Grove with a total of 204 cars and motorcycles. Dan knew for a car show to grow there needed to be a larger venue. Dan went to Cabela's in Wheeling and asked to use the parking lot in front of their business for the car show on Labor Day 2005. With his car dealing savvy, Dan convinced them to participate in this event. 15 years later they are still a part of this amazing happening.



Celebrating 15 years, this car show has grown so much and has volunteers from Lions Clubs all over the state of West Virginia and the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation. The proceeds for this remarkable car show averages \$10,000.00 per year. In 2015 donations were in excess of \$17,000.00. The car show has Cabela's, Advance Auto Parts, Eva Dague, Wes-Banco, Morgantown Auto Repair Service and Jordan's Auto Parts as corporate sponsors.

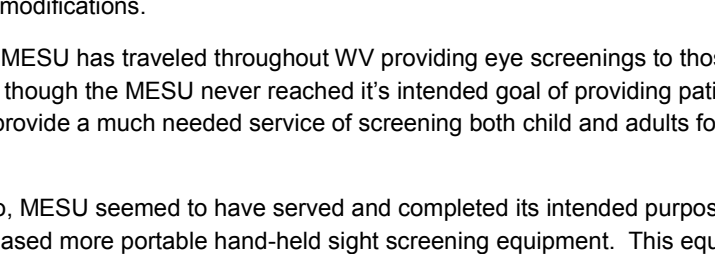
During last year's show, we had over 660 vehicles with over 500 of those to be judged, coming from as far as Minnesota, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio and Michigan.

WVLSCF utilizes the funds for cataract surgeries and funded an operation to restore sight to a seventeen year old young man from Grafton.

PDG Jeff Baxter, First Vice President of the WVLSCF states "I personally take pride with what has been accomplished through this car show. I am sure Dan would have been proud of all of us for what has been done in his name. I want to thank PDG Paul Amrhein for his dedication to this project and any project he has taken on for Lions; also PDG Eva Dague for her tireless work on many project in the name of Lions. **"WE SERVE"**

The next Dan Dague Memorial Car Show will be held September 5, 2016.

Saying Goodbye To A Friend



L to R: Jeff Baxter, Dr. John Linberg, David Hollandsworth, Robert Browning, Dr. Charles Moore, Bill Nichols, John Coleman, Pete Johnson, and Brad Alarming

This is a copy of an original picture taken when the Mobile Eye Screening Unit (MESU) was accepted by the West Virginia Lions Sight Conservation Foundation (WVLSCF). The Date is spring/summer 2002. WINNEBAGO built the "new" MESU to specifications on a 2002 Ford chassis/motor. The MESU included complete sight screening vision conditions and had the capability to transmit results from the screening location to the WVU Eye Institute. The physicians at the WVU Eye Institute could determine if further treatment was needed.

The MESU was funded by a partnership between WVLSCF, WVU Eye Institute and Lions Club International Foundation. The unit cost a total of \$162,000; \$91,000 for the van and \$71,000 for equipment and modifications.

Since 2002 the MESU has traveled throughout WV providing eye screenings to those "WE SERVE". Even though the MESU never reached its intended goal of providing patient to hospital service—it did provide a much needed service of screening both child and adults for sight deficiencies.

A few years ago, MESU seemed to have served and completed its intended purpose when the WVLSCF purchased more portable hand-held sight screening equipment. This equipment is what is being used now by the Lions Clubs to screen children and adults in every county of the state.

A survey concluded that the MESU was too big, too expensive and no longer provided the necessary eye screening requirements to meet the needs of the citizens of WV.

So with that, after a November 6, 2015 meeting of WVLSCF, the board of trustees voted to sell the MESU to the Chesapeake Conference or the Seventh-Day Adventists for \$10,000. The MESU will be reconfigured into a mobile emergency and training unit in order for Seventh-Day Adventists to better respond to local disasters. Thus, the MESU will continue to "SERVE" the people of West Virginia and continues the mission of health and welfare of people in need.

Lion Glenn Ryburn, PDG closes with this statement: "It has been a great pleasure and honor to serve as your Lions MESU Coordinator for a number of years. I thank you for your willingness to help and understanding the overall needs of the citizens of the great state of West Virginia whom **"WE SERVE."**

HELPING A COMMUNITY MEMBER

Each year the WVLSCF funds eye and hearing care needs of the citizens of West Virginia who are unable to afford and are beyond the financial means of the local clubs. Applications go to the Service Coordinators. WVLSCF income guidelines for 2016 are:

Family Size	Income
1	\$23,760
2	\$32,040
3	\$40,320
4	\$48,600
5	\$56,880
6	\$65,160
7	\$73,440
8	\$81,780

Families over 8 , add \$4,160 per person

VISION SCREENING AT THE STATE FAIR 2015

Once again, the Lions screened children and adults during the 2015 West Virginia State Fair. Of the 662 total people screened; 12 youth were referred and 65 adults were referred to an eye physician in their area for further testing. It was noticed that youth attendance was down this year due to the fact that school had started. The Lions screened 1 adult that tested legally blind in one eye and another adult that tested legally blind in both eyes.

These screenings are done by volunteers. During 2015 it took 6 LIONS clubs and 25 LIONS working 243 hours to complete the screenings. Here is the breakdown of the clubs and how many LIONS from each:

White Sulphur Springs	6 LIONS	36 Hours
Hinton	2 LIONS	12 Hours
Lewisburg	6 LIONS	25 Hours
Union	7 LIONS	151 Hours
Marlington	3 LIONS	18 Hours
Rainelle	1 LION	6 Hours

Thank you all for your time and effort. It is said that the most rewarding things are screening at the State Fair is the stories of those who just come by and tell us that they had gone to their doctor after being tested and discovering that they really needed glasses or had other eye issues. **"WE SERVE"**

REPORT YOUR CLUBS SCREENINGS

As the use of the portable screening equipment for adult and KidSight vision screenings continues to grow across Multiple District 29, the number of Lions Clubs requesting use of the equipment purchased by WVLSCF also increases. Several clubs and/or zones have purchased their own KidSight cameras. WVLSCF is in the process of determining the need for additional equipment.

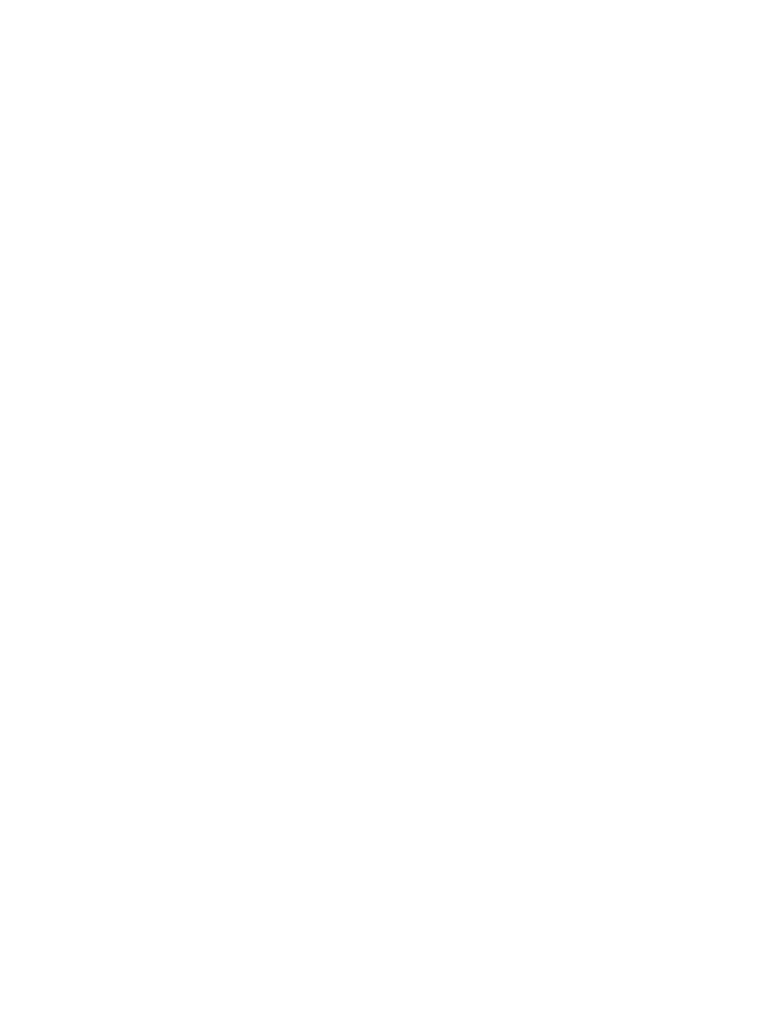
While we believe that hundreds of adults and children are screened each year, we have no way of verifying the total number of people served. WVLSCF receives screening reports from some clubs, but not all. It is important that we collect screening information to assist in making decisions concerning future equipment purchases and for use in seeking funding for additional equipment.

The WVLSCF has developed the attached "West Virginia Screening Report". If your club is conducting an adult or KidsSight screening, please complete and return the form by mail to **Kim Ebert, PO Box 9193, Morgantown, WV 26506**, email at **ebertk@wvumedicine.org**, or fax to **Kim's attention at 304-598-6928**.

SIGHT & HEARING EXPENSES AS OF JANUARY 11, 2016

District	Sight	Hearing
29L	\$ 1,128.37	\$ 2,700.00
29C	\$ 6,531.75	\$16,410.00*
29I	<u>\$11,837.25</u>	<u>\$ 6,273.89</u>
TOTAL	\$19,497.37	\$25,383.89

*Includes \$2000 from District 29O



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