

# DISTRICT 1-CS NEWSLETTER



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**During the 2024-2025 Lions of Illinois Convention, 1-CS Lion Larry McGuire was elected Council Chairperson for the 2024-2025 Council of Governors. CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

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### MY SWAN SONG

District Governor Larry McGuire

As I write this, it is sunny and almost 70 degrees Wednesday morning. My plans for today's bicycle ride were changed at 6:30 AM when my wife was called to watch our grandson. To use a line from John Steinbeck's novel titled *Of Mice and Men*, "The best-laid schemes o' mice an' men / Gang aft a-gley / An' lea'e us nought but grief an' pain, / And leave us only grief and pain, / For promised joy!"

My year as district governor for Lions Clubs District 1-CS is drawing nigh. When I started, I had some simple goals in mind I thought we could easily master. These goals were not pie-in-the-sky goals. These goals were simple and easily obtainable. You know them well, 1) Retain the members we had when we started this year, 2) each club has a community project and markets that project, 3) report your service projects to Lions Clubs International (LCIF), and 4) each club donates a (paltry) \$40 to Lions Clubs International Foundation.

But remember Steinbeck's comment about the best-laid plans. . .

We have five fewer members than when we started. And a month commonly called "Bloody June" is approaching. That is when clubs do their drops before the new dues year starts. I know many clubs do service projects because I listened to them when I visited your club. I was impressed by what you do. But you never report it to your newspaper, radio, or local TV station. The days of Lions not selling their good works have long been gone. We have a new club officer called Marketing. Sell what you do. Only 11% of the clubs within our district reported their service activities. This is a disappointing percentage even after Lion VDG Retha Eurales offered to assist you in reporting your projects. Donations to LCIF by clubs were sad. Some clubs donated \$40 and some clubs donated \$250. The dollar amount is great, but club participation was terrible. I wanted this district to become a 100% LCIF Supporter, and I thought a mere \$40 from each club was doable.

And so we end our Lions Year as we started, struggling.

I do not know the plans Lion District Governor Heather Abell-Castlebery has for us. I hope she continues with this monthly newsletter. It is a way for us to keep informed and to share ideas that another club never thought about doing, And if she does, I hope she considers Lion Brenda McCluskie to continue as editor. But it is Lion Heather's year and she can run this district pretty much as she wants.

So, do I now ride off into the sunset on my trusty steed? No, I have been selected by the incoming Council of Governors to be their chairperson. In very simple terms, I am kind of the administrator for the Lions of Illinois. I am blessed to have a great state secretary-treasurer, Lion Cecilia Wesselman at our state office in Springfield. I am not required to do club visits or write newsworthy articles (except for the state magazine), and I do not actively participate in Lion Heather's cabinet.

*Asi, Hasta la vista, leones!*

# Carterville lions club



**District Governor Larry McGuire presents District Governor-Elect Heather Abell-Castleberry with the International President's Certificate of Recognition, the fourth-highest award a Lion can receive.**

# Carbondale storm damage on 5/26/2024



# METROPOLIS LIONS CLUB



**Massac County High School seniors Christopher Puckett, Libby Conkle and Noah Jeffords are the recipients of scholarships from the Metropolis Lions Club. The presentation was made Thursday, April 25, during the 2024 Academic Awards Ceremony. The club was represented by treasurer Lynda White, secretary Maxine Russell and vice president Rev. Ronnie White.**

**The Metropolis Lions Club presented three scholarships during the 2024 Academic Awards Ceremony on Thursday, April 25.**

**Secretary Maxine Russell said the club provided one scholarship last year and “it was so well appreciated” the club wanted to do more this year.**

**Through roadblocks and other fundraisers, the club was able to provide \$500 scholarships to Christopher Puckett, Libby Conkle and Noah Jeffords.**

**The scholarship is open to Massac County High School seniors who must complete an application and submit an essay about their future, how the scholarship will help achieve those goals and how their career choice will impact the Massac County community.**

**“We try to focus on serving the community as that is the motto of the Lions Club — ‘We Serve,’” said Russell, noting there were several applicants “and they were all excellent. We would have loved to have given one to everyone. Through your generosity, we hope to do better next year.”**

**Puckett is the son of Robert and Doris Puckett, of Metropolis. He will be attending Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky.**

**Conkle is the daughter of JR and Lindsey Conkle, of Metropolis. She will be attending Murray State University.**

**Jeffords is the son of Jack and Allison Jeffords, of Metropolis. He will be attending West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah.**

**Rev. Ronnie White, the club vice president, and Lynda White, the club treasurer, were also at the presentation.**

# SPARTA LIONS CLUB



Lions District Governor Larry McGuire presented Sparta Lion Jim Hoskins with the International President's Certificate of Appreciation, the fourth highest recognition a Lion can achieve. Lion Jim was honored for recruiting the highest number of new members in District 1-CS during this Lion's Year.

## April Activities

1. Chicken fry: 17 members worked 112 hours and raised \$1,041.
2. Club donated \$500 to Westminster Presbyterian Church Food Pantry.
3. 6 members worked 23 hours at Sparta High School Putt Putt Golf fundraiser. Club raised \$411.
4. 34 members worked 112 hours at 10 bar functions, raising \$2,633.90.
5. Club hosted district convention. 8 members worked 35 hours, raising \$533.
6. 9 members worked 53 hours at FFA Alumni event, raising \$1,401.15.
7. Club mourned loss of member Andy Wilson.

# CARBONDALE LIONS CLUB



The Carbondale Lions Club held their Spring Pancake Day on Saturday, May 4, 2024 (For some, "Star Wars" Day). Good crowd, good pancakes! Club members have also started the next round of Fire Hydrant painting and we are entering "Flag Season". We put up flags on Main and Illinois in Carbondale on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day. Photos above are from the Spring Pancake Day.

# CHESTER LIONS CLUB



**Chester Lion Larry Soellner, O.D. (right) was recently awarded the Lions Club's International President's Certificate of Appreciation for his contribution to the community. The certificate was presented to him by District Governor Larry McGuire. Dr. Soellner received recognition for his promotion of Candy Day, offering his office space to sort collected eyeglasses, and assisting in organizing the Memorial Hospital Health Fair. This certificate is the fourth-highest award in Lionism.**



# BENTON LIONS CLUB



District Governor Larry McGuire and his spouse, Lion Ann, were invited to speak at a meeting of the Benton Lions Club. During his speech, DG Larry highlighted the significance of maintaining club membership, reporting service activities, and supporting LCIF. He also had the honor of presenting membership chevrons at the event. Club President Pat Kern, (Bottom) received her 15-year chevron, and Lion John Metzger, (top Left) and Lion Marty Leffler, (top Right) received their 20-year and 15-year chevrons, respectively. Unfortunately, Lions Dave Severin, Dennis Miller, John Oxford, and Bobbi Blondi could not attend the event, and their chevrons were left with Lion Pat for later recognition.

# International President's Certificate of Recognition



District Governor Larry McGuire presented the International President's Certificate of Recognition to three Lions. Sparta Lion Jim Hoskins, (Top Right) was awarded for achieving the most membership recruitment within District 1-CS. Chester Lion Larry Soellner, O.D.(Top Left) received the award for purchasing and displaying the large Candy Day banner, for assisting in the Community Health Fair, for obtaining the Lions of Illinois Foundation's screening van, and for opening his office to allow eyeglass sorting. 1st VDG-Elect Retha Eurales, (Bottom) was also recognized for her leadership role, assisting other Lions Clubs in reporting service activities, and giving a presentation on the importance of service. District Governor-Elect Heather Abell was not present, but she will receive her certificate for stepping into the role of leadership at a later date.

# WEST FRANKFORT LIONS CLUB



5/2/2024 L>r Greg Poole from "Can's Can", Lion Marla Summers and Lion President Jim Summers.



4/23/2024 L> R Dr. John Gossett, Author & Guest Speaker, Lion President Jim Summers and William McPherson, Photographer.

# MOUNDS LIONS CLUB



**1cs 1<sup>ST</sup> Vice DGE Retha Eurales at State Convention in Springfield with Lions from District 1A**



**Lion Retha at the State Convention in Springfield.**



**L>R PDG Maurice "Moe" Wimbley, Lion Ruthie Wimbley, 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Elect Retha Eurales & PDG Derek Eurales at the State Convention in Springfield,**



**1CS Governor Larry McGuire at the State Convention in Springfield.**



**L>R Lion Ann & DG Larry McGuire at State Convention**



**L>R Brenda Block & PID Bob Block at the State Convention.**

# MOUNDS LIONS CLUB



More State Convention Pictures



State Convention with DGE Heather and PID Bob getting before the banquet.

L>R 1CS Governor Larry McGuire, PDG Derek Eurales, 1VDG Elect Retha Eurales and Lion Ann McGuire at the State



ICS Retha Eurales 1st Vice DGE recipient of award in Springfield. Service is what we do  
Go Lion Retha!

# MOUNDS LIONS CLUB



Lion Retha Eurales and Lion Sarita Sawyer are frequent workers in the Cairo Community Garden. During the month of May the Mounds Lions Club helped to harvest vegetables for the local food pantry.



Lion Derek Eurales greets visitors from the University of Illinois in Champagne.



Lions Derek and Retha at the Community Garden



The charter bus passes through Cairo touring different gardens throughout Illinois



Lion Derek of the Mounds Club helps harvest every second week of the summer months.

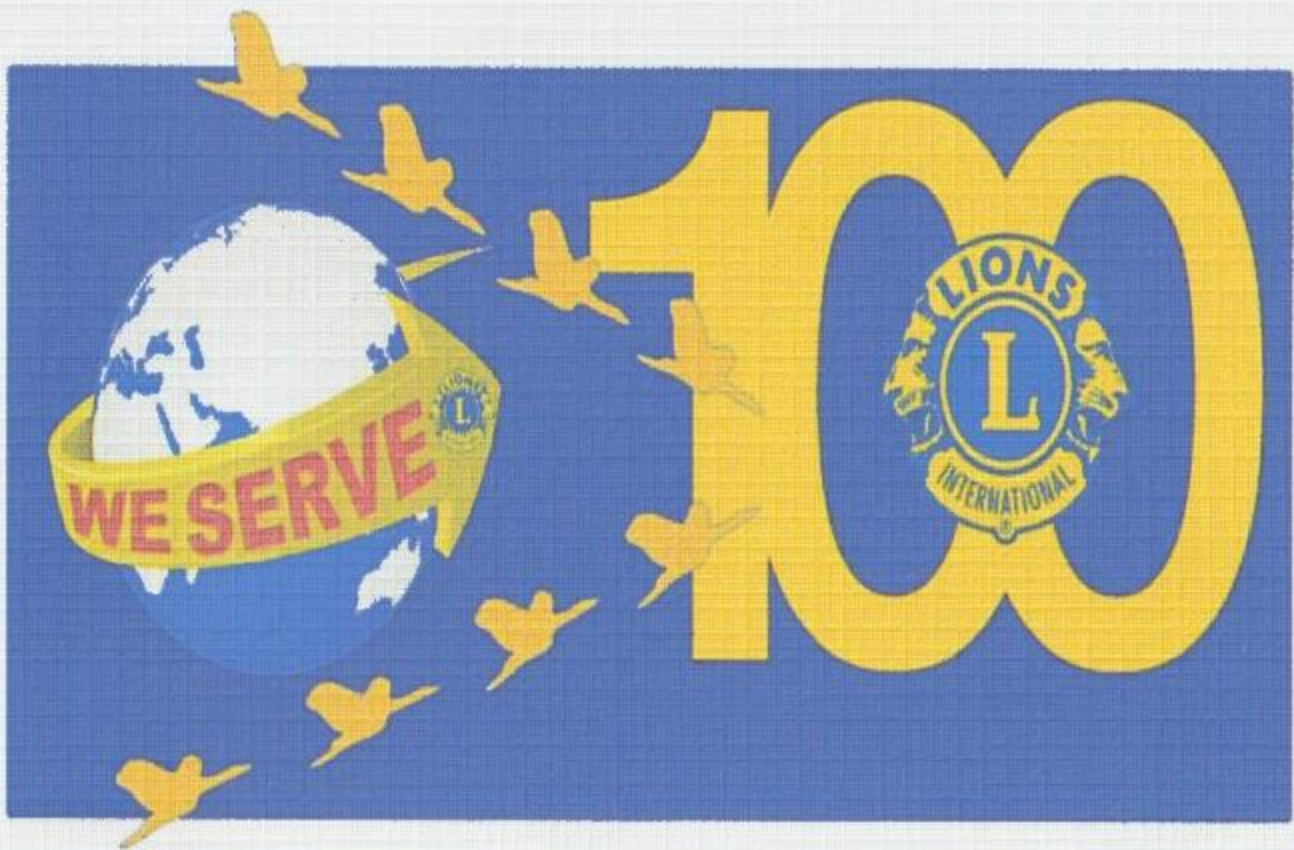
# MOUNDS LIONS CLUB



We serve where needed

# ***Christopher Lions Club***

***1924 - 2024***



***Saturday***  
***May 11, 2024***

***at***

***The Show Room***

***117 West Market***

***Christopher, IL 62822***



## SPECIAL GUESTS

Larry McGuire	1CS District Governor
Bob Block	Past International Director
Dave Severin	State Rep. and Lion Member
Derek Eurales	Past District Governor
Retha Eurales	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor
Helen Ferguson	Past District Governor
Randy Ferguson	Past District Governor

## 100th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Jeff Troutt, Chairman  
Trevor Reeves, President  
Jim Taylor, Secretary  
John Sweazy, Treasurer  
Charles Culver  
Hugh Kucewesky  
Jim Turner

**CHRISTOPHER LIONS CLUB**  
*100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION*

May 11, 2024

**The Show Room**

117 West Market  
Christopher, IL 62822

**PROGRAM**

Welcome Trevor Reeves, President

Group Sing by Lions and Guests  
Lead by Denver Tolbert

Salute to the Flag Hugh Kucewesky

Invocation Jeff Troutt

Dinner T-Street Catering

Entertainment Kyle Hilliard

Acknowledgment  
of Charter Members Jim Turner

Christopher Lions Recognition Dave Severin

Recognition of Local Members

With Over 20 Years as Lions Jim Taylor

Length of Service Chevrons &

Installation of New Officers Larry McGuire

1CS District Governor

Christopher Lion of the year Chuck Culver

Guest Speaker

Bob Block

Past International Director

Closing

Jim Taylor

## **Current Members**

Jimmy Allen

Trevor Reeves

Gary Bartolotti

Bill Rogers

Mark Cavinder

Rex Rowland

Steven Collier

Marvel Straub

Charles Culver

Jeff Summers

Bobby Furlow

John Sweazy

Stephen Gilbert

Jim Taylor

Brian Hargis

Chris Thomas

Hugh Kucewesky

Scott Thomas

Derek Parvin

Denver Tolbert

Alec Ramsey

Jeff Troutt



## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES REPORT-- 1-C/S

West Frankfort Lions Club #224    Month: MAY Year: 2024

Last Month End	30	Average Monthly Attendance	31%
New Members	00		
Member Dropped	00		
Members Transferred	00		
Month End Membership	30		

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5/2/2024---Regular Meeting with 10 Members and 1 Guests present.

- Guest Speaker was Greg Poole from “Can’s Can”.
- Members approved payment to the Rotary Club for their Flag Program.

5/9/2024 No Meeting due to the Old King Coal Festival.

5/16/2024- There was no Board Meeting this month.

5/16/2024---Business Meeting with 10 Members and 0 Guests present.

- A motion was made to donate \$500 to “Can’s Can”, a 501c3 Charity that serves low income, schools and the elderly. Motion passed unanimously.
- Lion Governor Larry McGuire and wife Lion Ann will participate in the installation of new officers on June 27<sup>th</sup> 2024.

5/23/2024— Regular Meeting with 10 Members and 4 Guests Present.

- Dr. John Gossett, Author, was guest speaker.
- Other Guests included, William McPherson, Photographer, Lion Seb Pagano’s wife Helen, and Dr. Rebecca Ewing, Psychologist.
- Lion President Jim Summers reminded everyone of the meaning of Memorial Day. Honor those military men & women who have fallen.

5/30/2024---Regular Meeting with 8 Members and 0 Guests Present

- Final Preparations for the Flag Day Fundraiser.

Membership Changes:

Report was respectfully submitted by Lion Brenda McCluskie, Secretary

# WEAR IT WEDNESDAY



**NEW TRADITION**



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**Any Members who want to receive the monthly District Newsletter, please send me your email address and I will gladly send these Newsletters to you. Thanks, Brenda**