

# DISTRICT 1-CS NEWSLETTER



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Johnston City Lions Club



**Greetings 1CS,**

**I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with family and love ones. The weather was great. It didn't seem like Christmas without being cold or snow. My wish for the New Year is that our clubs will gain new members and retain what we have. My GAT team (Global Action Team) is working on getting new clubs chartered by the end of the Fiscal year June 30 2026.**

**I want to thank you all for serving and helping the needy in your communities. You're doing a great work. I'm very proud of you. Please try and report your service on the Portal to Lions Clubs International. ( LCI) If you need help Myself and the Global Service Chairperson Lion Emilie Roehrkasse will help you.**

**Next month starting January 3 rd -11 th is the second week of service Worldwide. Clubs are encouraged to plan a Service project around these times to focus on three initiatives.**

**Mental Health and well being was in October. Jan 3-11 is Hunger and April 18 th -26 th is Environment. Your clubs are already helping with Food Pantries, servicing meals to seniors, and delivering so why not be recognized for your volunteer service.**

**The District Convention is fast approaching, April 18, 2026 in Marion at the Pavilion.**

**Information Packets will be mailed out in January.**

**We have lost three of our districts hardworking Lions last month. Our condolences and prayers go out to the families of Lion Norma Kothe, Steeleville Club, Lion David New Myer, DeSota Club and Lion William Eason, Mounds Club.**

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The District Cabinet meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> due to the COG (Council of Governors) meeting in Peoria on the 7<sup>th</sup>. The time and place remain the same. 10:00AM at Johnston City Lions club. I hope that this has not been too much of an inconvenience, but it could not be helped.

I wish you all a Happy New Year with good health and prosperity.

Continue to send your up coming events to Lion Jim Taylor who is the Technology person for 1CS so he can post them on the website.

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Yours in service

Lion Retha Eurales,

District Governor, 1 C S

# CHESTER LIONS CLUB



The Chester Lions have made a heartfelt contribution of \$250 to the Chester Area Christian Food Pantry, reflecting their commitment to the global fight against hunger. This generous donation is a meaningful step towards supporting those in need within our community. Pictured are Bob Koenegstein, left, and Chester Lions Club President Larry Soellner, right, who share a deep passion for making a positive impact on the lives of others. The Chester Lions Club meets on the first Monday at the Chester Eagles Club. Persons interested in serving their community are encouraged to attend a meeting.



# SPARTA LIONS CLUB



**Sparta Lions Club President Ron Woodworth presents a \$500 donation to Sue Hooper and Bruce Dahlem of Westminster Presbyterian Church Food Pantry.**



**The Sparta Lions Club inducted two new members. Pictured are Sparta Lions Club President Ron Woodworth, District Governor Retha Eurales and new members Chris Brooks and Zac Drumwright.**

## NOVEMBER 2025 REPORT

1. Club inducted one new member, Chris Brooks.
2. 11 Lions worked 40 hours at 7 bar functions, raising \$568.
3. 16 Lions worked 121 hours at chicken fry, netting \$1,684.15.
4. Club hosted District Governor Retha Eurales.
5. Club President attended cabinet meeting.
6. Club donated \$500 to Westminster Presbyterian Church Food Pantry.
7. Club donated \$50 to Sparta Community Hospital Tree of Hope campaign.
8. Club donated \$100 for a ramp for a veteran.
9. Club provided facilities for Lil Dawgs football program end-of-year celebration.

# WEST FRANKFORT LIONS CLUB



12/11/2025 L>R: Lion President Tom Jordan, DG Retha Eurales and PDG Derek Eurales



12/11/2025 L>R: 50 year Lion Seb Pagano, Lion Bonnie Willmore and Lion David Willmore



# WEST FRANKFORT LIONS CLUB



12/121/2025 Lion Ervin Thomas and Visitors from the Christopher Lions Club: Lions Jim Taylor, Jim Turner and Mark Cavander and Derek Parvin.



12/11/2-25 L>R: Guest Gloria McReynolds, Lion Jack McReynolds and Lion Tim Weaver.

12/1/2025

Lion Ryan Patton



# DG Retha Eurales Visits West Frankfort Lions Club

on December 11th 2025 District Governor Retha Eurales of 1CS traveled to The West Frankfort Lions Club with hopes of securing the club's future in staying own within the district. Several members were present along with some members from the Christopher Lions Club letting the West Frankfort Club that they would help in any situation they needed.



L>R : Lion Brenda McCluskie, Lion President Tom Jordan and DG Retha Eurales.



District Governor Retha Eurales met with Lion Brenda McCuskie and one of the oldest members who is 92 years old, Jack McReynolds, trying to find ways to keep the club from closing after so many years of service.



Past District Governor Derek Eurales spouse of current District Governor Retha Eurales traveled also to the club for support of keeping the club open.



# Telethon of Stars Paducah, Kentucky.



Tv host Mike Mallory, District Governor Retha Eurales, PDG Derek Eurales, Lion Carol Childress, Club member Linda Cervas and service dog Hope were present during the Mounds Lions Club donation of \$1500 for this year's telethon.

## MOUNDS LIONS CLUB

District Governor Retha Eurales met, granddaughter club member Kaneshia Eurales, Club President PDG Derek Eurales at the Mounds Lions Club Christmas party December 19th wishing everyone happy holidays.



Club president PDG Derek Eurales and club member newly wed Sarita Marshall enjoying the celebration



District Governor Retha Eurales member Linda Cervas and sister flanking Governor Retha with members Carol and Glenn Childress assisting in the 50/50 Christmas raffle drawing with winner receiving \$200. The food and fellowship was fantastic.

**At Mary Bryant Home of the Blind in Springfield, Illinois December 6<sup>th</sup>**



**District Governor Retha Eurales at Mary Bryant Home of the Blind in Springfield, Illinois December 6th.**



**PDG Derek Eurales and 1CS District Governor Retha Eurales at the Mary Bryant nursing home for the blind.**



**PDG Derek Eurales at the table with blind residents enjoying conversation, laughter and Christmas treats.**





**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR**



**WE SERVE!**

**Lions, Let's Grow Our Pride**

**Membership Monday and Wear it Wednesday will  
return next year.**

**MEMBERSHIP MONDAY**

**JOIN THE PRIDE, WE DO MORE THAN  
ROAR.**



**This little pin? It roars louder than it looks.**

**Wearing this pin isn't boasting—it's simply showing you're  
part of something renowned.**



**DG RETHA AND PDG DEREK EURALES**